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RATE OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT ABOVE AVERAGE IN MAINE

DURING 1983, ABOUT 7.0 PERCENT OR 416,000 OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS IN BOSTON. REGIONAL RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT WERE LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS. NATIONALLY, 9.1 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1983. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU FOR THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

WORKERS WERE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE SELF-EMPLOYED IN THE THREE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES THAN IN THE THREE SOUTHERN STATES. IN 1983, TWO NEW ENGLAND STATES, VERMONT AND MAINE, HAD ABOVE AVERAGE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES. IN VERMONT, WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST RATE IN THE REGION, 11.6 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED. IN MAINE, 10.6 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOYED DURING 1983 WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 9.0 PERCENT RATE WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE 9.1 PERCENT NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED--6.1, 6.2, AND 6.7 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY--WAS WELL BELOW THE U.S. AVERAGE.

AS EXPECTED, A MUCH LARGER PERCENTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS THAN NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE SELF-EMPLOYED. NATIONALLY, ABOUT 46 PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE REGIONALLY THE PERCENTAGE WAS MUCH LOWER WITH ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1983. HOWEVER, ONLY 3.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE U.S., AND 1.1 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND, IS IN AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT RATES FOR NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE MUCH LOWER--7.8 PERCENT NATIONALLY AND 6.7 PERCENT IN THE REGION DURING 1983. MAINE, WITH 10.2 PERCENT OF NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS SELF-EMPLOYED LAST YEAR, LED THE REGION IN THIS CATEGORY. VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE ALSO HAD ABOVE-AVERAGE PERCENTAGES OF WORKERS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES AT 9.7 AND 8.5 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. MASSACHUSETTS' RATE OF 5.9 PERCENT WAS THE LOWEST IN THE REGION.

ALTHOUGH DETAILED SELF-EMPLOYMENT HISTORICAL DATA FOR THE NEW ENGLAND STATES IS NOT AVAILABLE, NATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT A STEADY UPWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS BEGAN AROUND 1970. BETWEEN 1976 AND 1983, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED AMERICANS INCREASED BY 23 PERCENT. ALL OF THIS INCREASE TOOK PLACE IN NONAGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT. DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD, TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN THE NATION INCREASED BY ONLY 13.5 PERCENT.

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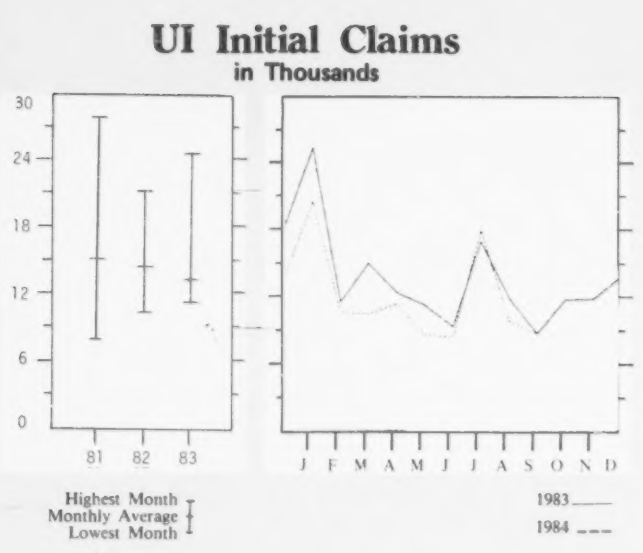
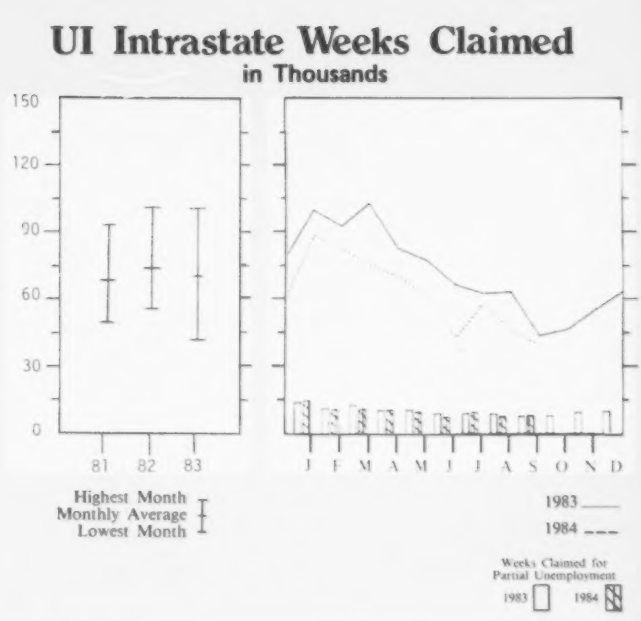




PROFILE OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS: UNITED STATES

BETWEEN 1976 AND 1983 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED AMERICANS INCREASED BY 23 PERCENT, WHILE WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT GREW BY A LESS ROBUST 13 PERCENT.

ALTHOUGH AGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN GRADUALLY DECREASING FOR DECADES, NONAGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT HAS INCREASED EVERY YEAR SINCE 1970.

SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS TEND TO BE OLDER THAN WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS.

BLACKS ARE LESS LIKELY THAN THE POPULATION AT LARGE TO BE SELF-EMPLOYED.

DURING 1983, 71 PERCENT OF THE SELF-EMPLOYED WERE MEN. HOWEVER, IN RECENT YEARS THE NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO ARE SELF-EMPLOYED HAS INCREASED ABOUT FIVE TIMES FASTER THAN THE NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED MEN.

THE SERVICE-PRODUCING SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY PRODUCES THE MAJORITY OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF AGRICULTURE. HOWEVER, WITHIN THE GOODS-PRODUCING SECTOR ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF 1983 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT CONSISTED OF THE SELF-EMPLOYED.

DURING 1983, ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE RETAIL TRADE WORK FORCE AND 14 PERCENT OF SERVICES INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT WAS SELF-EMPLOYED.

THE SELF-EMPLOYED ARE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED ACROSS OCCUPATIONS. THE MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY OCCUPATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF ALL SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS MAKING IT THE LARGEST SINGLE GROUP AMONG THE MAJOR OCCUPATIONS.

DURING 1983 MORE THAN HALF OF ALL DENTISTS, OPTOMETRISTS, PODIATRISTS, VETERINARIANS, BARBERS, CHILD-CARE WORKERS, PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS, AND FARM OPERATORS AND MANAGERS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED.

THE SELF-EMPLOYED WORK LONGER HOURS THAN WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS. THE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED BY THE AGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1983 WAS 47.4 HOURS, WHILE AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS WORKED AN AVERAGE OF 40.3 HOURS. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYEES WORKED ON AVERAGE 2.1 HOURS LESS THAN THE 40.0 HOURS WORKED BY THE NONAGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYED. NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF THOSE WORKING FOR THEMSELVES IN NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS IN 1983 WORKED AT LEAST 49 HOURS A WEEK.

PERSONS WHO WORK FOR THEMSELVES EARN LESS, ON AVERAGE, THAN THEIR WAGE AND SALARY COUNTERPARTS. THE MEDIAN EARNINGS OF YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS DURING 1982 WAS ONLY 71.7 PERCENT OF THE EARNINGS OF WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS.

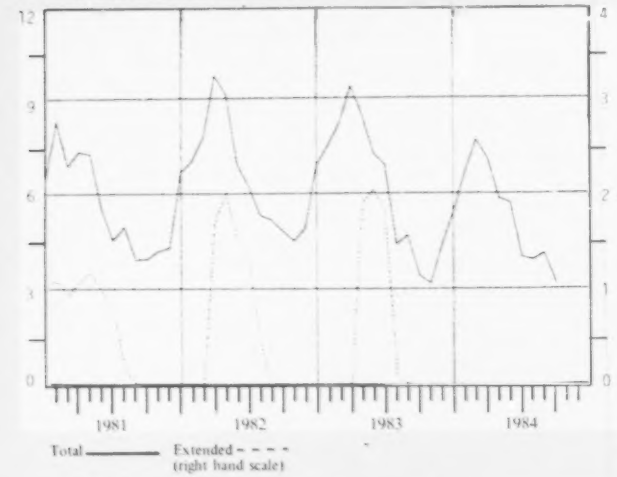
SOURCE: SELECTED PORTIONS OF AN OCTOBER 10, 1984 NEWS RELEASE TITLED "7.0 PERCENT OF NEW ENGLANDERS SELF-EMPLOYED IN 1983 COMPARED TO 9.1 PERCENT NATIONWIDE," PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

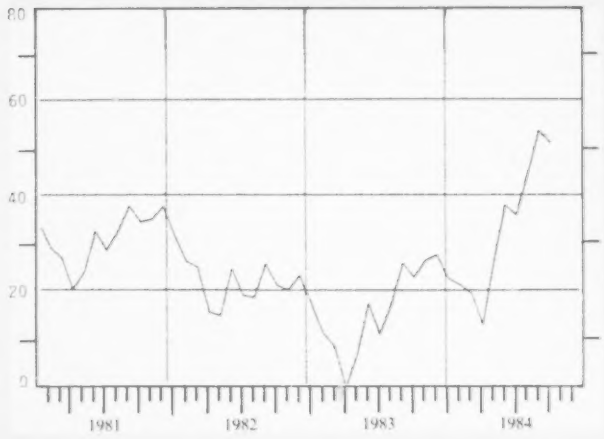
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	442.8	452.2	434.4	103.2	103.0	97.7	34.2	34.5	34.5
Total Manufacturing	109.2	112.9	111.7	17.2	17.3	16.5	11.1	11.5	11.8
Durable Goods	43.2	43.2	41.5	7.9	7.7	6.5	2.4	2.4	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.7	13.7	13.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.8	16.8	15.0	6.1	6.1	5.6	1.9	1.9	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.7	12.7	13.2	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	66.0	69.7	70.2	9.3	9.6	10.0	8.7	9.1	9.6
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	10.0	9.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	0.8	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.9	6.9	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	1.6
Apparel	4.9	4.9	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.8	19.6	18.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.8	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	17.0	18.1	20.7	2.4	2.5	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	14.1	15.0	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.8	3.2
All Other	2.9	3.1	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	10.2	10.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	2.2	2.4	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	333.6	339.3	322.7	86.0	85.7	81.2	23.1	23.0	22.7
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	19.3	19.0	18.9	4.6	4.5	4.4	1.5	1.6	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.8	19.2	18.8	5.7	5.8	5.8	1.1	1.1	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	105.2	109.1	99.3	29.1	29.4	27.2	8.1	8.1	8.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.2	19.2	18.1	9.0	9.1	8.5	1.8	1.8	1.6
Services	89.7	95.2	87.4	24.4	24.7	22.8	7.5	7.5	7.2
Government	81.2	77.4	80.0	13.2	12.2	12.5	3.1	2.9	3.1
Federal	18.0	18.2	18.0	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	63.2	59.2	62.0	11.8	10.7	11.1	2.9	2.6	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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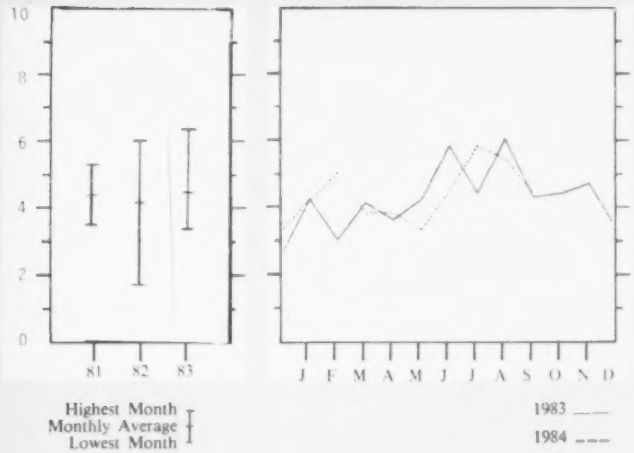
New Applications For Work

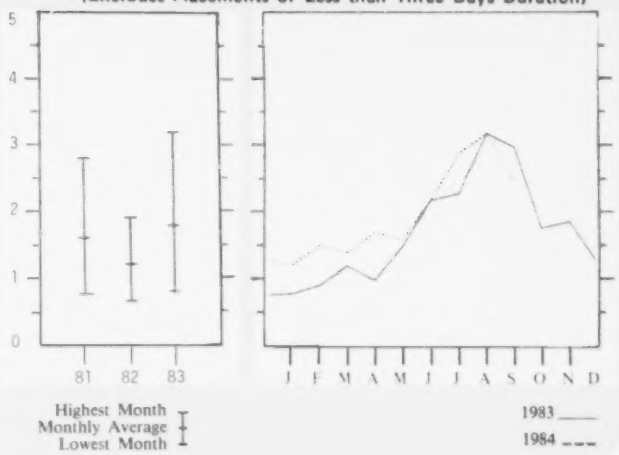
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.64	$321.99	$310.64	40.2	39.9	40.5	$8.20	$8.07	$7.67	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	342.72	333.63	329.26	40.8	40.1	40.8	8.40	8.32	8.07	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	322.64	319.80	304.63	41.1	41.0	41.0	7.85	7.80	7.43	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	319.99	311.69	310.90	40.2	39.3	40.8	7.96	7.93	7.62	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	400.20	381.90	381.92	41.3	40.2	40.5	9.69	9.50	9.43	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	320.79	314.03	299.83	39.8	39.7	40.3	8.06	7.91	7.44	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	234.61	240.12	210.60	36.6	39.3	36.0	6.41	6.11	5.85	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	260.41	256.26	259.37	41.4	41.6	42.8	6.29	6.16	6.06	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	202.21	195.05	207.31	36.5	35.4	37.9	5.54	5.51	5.49	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	531.63	525.25	512.11	44.6	44.4	45.4	11.92	11.83	11.28	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	206.70	204.78	213.01	36.2	35.8	37.7	5.71	5.72	5.65	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	291.51	274.09	268.26	40.6	39.1	40.1	7.18	7.01	6.59	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	308.70	303.24	298.37	38.3	38.3	38.8	8.06	7.92	7.69	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	248.87	246.28	244.67	37.2	37.6	39.4	6.69	6.55	6.21	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	241.5	250.1	230.0
Unemployed	15.4	16.2	19.4
(Percent)	6.4%	6.5%	8.4%
Resident Employed	226.1	234.5	210.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	314.5	313.0	301.8	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.6%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	568.6	580.1	562.5	541.0	550.5	523.6	27.6	29.6	38.9	4.9	5.1	6.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,100	43,600	43,200	41,400	41,900	40,400	1,700	1,700	2,800	3.9	3.9	6.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	34,300	35,600	34,300	32,500	33,700	31,900	1,800	1,900	2,400	5.2	5.3	7.0
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,300	40,200	39,600	36,900	37,600	36,700	2,400	2,600	2,900	6.1	6.5	7.3
Portland SMSA	103,900	105,700	98,600	100,600	102,300	93,400	3,300	3,400	5,200	3.2	3.2	5.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,180	30,960	29,900	28,610	29,330	28,090	1,570	1,630	1,810	5.2	5.3	6.1
Bath-Brunswick	23,770	25,100	24,900	22,960	24,150	23,640	810	950	1,260	3.4	3.8	5.1
Belfast	11,350	11,930	11,590	10,510	10,830	10,480	840	1,100	1,110	7.4	9.2	9.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	9,560	10,550	10,000	9,190	10,110	9,500	370	440	500	3.9	4.2	5.0
Calais-Eastport	15,930	21,420	15,540	14,860	20,130	14,050	1,070	1,290	1,490	6.7	6.0	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	27,850	21,400	28,680	25,260	19,050	25,090	2,590	2,350	3,590	9.3	11.0	12.5
Central Penobscot	3,550	3,740	3,760	3,400	3,570	3,560	150	170	200	4.2	4.5	5.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,660	6,820	6,690	6,310	6,420	6,220	350	400	470	5.3	5.9	7.0
Ellsworth	24,300	27,570	23,100	23,440	26,630	21,990	860	940	1,110	3.5	3.4	4.8
Farmington	12,710	12,930	13,360	11,790	11,910	12,320	920	1,020	1,040	7.2	7.9	7.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	9,460	5,520	8,600	8,960	5,120	8,010	500	400	590	5.3	7.2	6.9
Greenville	1,610	1,650	1,690	1,500	1,530	1,620	110	120	70	6.8	7.3	4.1
Houlton	7,920	5,360	7,910	7,500	4,950	7,150	420	410	760	5.3	7.6	9.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,940	6,120	5,900	5,710	5,850	5,520	230	270	380	3.9	4.4	6.4
Livermore Falls	6,870	6,320	6,440	6,260	5,710	5,820	610	610	620	8.9	9.7	9.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	6,360	4,290	6,400	5,970	3,970	5,780	390	320	620	6.1	7.5	9.7
Mechanic Falls	2,640	3,360	2,420	2,430	3,090	2,160	210	270	260	8.0	8.0	10.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,050	5,230	5,170	4,890	5,070	4,850	160	160	320	3.2	3.1	6.2
Patten-Island Falls	4,160	2,420	4,170	4,000	2,300	3,860	160	120	310	3.8	5.0	7.4
Rockland	18,810	20,080	18,480	18,020	19,190	17,190	790	890	1,290	4.2	4.4	7.0
Rumford	19,780	20,860	20,810	18,430	19,330	19,150	1,350	1,530	1,660	6.8	7.3	8.0
Sebago Lake Region	12,860	15,600	12,110	12,360	15,030	11,370	500	570	740	3.9	3.7	6.1
Skowhegan	22,280	23,040	22,140	20,920	21,400	19,880	1,360	1,640	2,260	6.1	7.1	10.2
Kittery-York	27,920	31,360	26,620	27,440	30,020	25,970	480	540	650	1.7	1.7	2.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,390	8,520	8,220	7,770	7,850	7,370	620	670	850	7.4	7.9	10.3
Waterville	22,280	22,840	22,330	21,220	21,680	20,680	1,060	1,160	1,650	4.8	5.1	7.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,672.1	1,613.4	n/a	1,601.2	1,532.1	n/a	70.9	81.3	n/a	4.2	5.0
Massachusetts	3,048.0	3,098.0	3,005.0	2,910.0	2,951.0	2,793.3	137.0	147.0	211.7	4.5	4.7	7.0
New Hampshire	n/a	536.5	512.6	n/a	520.3	495.0	n/a	16.2	17.6	n/a	3.0	3.4
Rhode Island	498.2	494.0	478.5	475.7	469.1	447.0	22.5	24.9	31.5	4.5	5.0	6.6
Vermont	276.9	274.1	267.7	267.1	262.9	254.4	9.8	11.2	13.3	3.5	4.1	5.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,074.7	5,877.2	n/a	5,804.5	5,521.8	n/a	270.2	355.4	n/a	4.4	6.0
UNITED STATES 3/	113,843	115,076	112,197	105,792	106,694	102,366	8,051	8,382	9,830	7.1	7.3	8.8

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	7,435	8,509	7,918	821	922	1,101	850	950	564
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.8	2.0	1.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	2.6	2.9	1.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

PERSONS OF FRENCH ANCESTRY
MAINE AND MAINE COUNTIES, 1980

AREA	FRENCH	FRENCH CANADIAN	MULTIPLE ANCESTRY, INCLUDING FRENCH OR FRENCH CANADIAN	TOTAL
MAINE	**147,067**	**21,581**	**123,653**	**292,301**
ANDROSCOGGIN	25,514	6,370	12,605	44,489
AROOSTOOK	28,932	534	8,607	38,073
CUMBERLAND	13,845	2,762	24,999	41,606
FRANKLIN	2,335	482	3,210	6,027
HANCOCK	1,463	199	3,032	4,694
KENNEBEC	16,209	3,110	14,317	33,636
KNOX	1,002	155	1,840	2,997
LINCOLN	1,004	112	1,978	3,094
OXFORD	4,549	684	5,495	10,728
PENOBSCOT	15,579	1,039	16,411	33,029
PISCATAQUIS	1,653	64	1,520	3,237
SAGADAHOC	1,999	387	3,157	5,543
SOMERSET	6,331	384	5,182	11,897
WALDO	1,877	146	1,769	3,792
WASHINGTON	1,292	188	1,880	3,360
YORK	23,483	4,965	17,651	46,099

NOTE: Data is an ancestry self-identification count of persons reporting to the U.S. Bureau of the Census. It is believed that most persons reporting as French in Aroostook County, and also many in other counties, are of French-Acadian descent. The U.S. Bureau of the Census survey did not provide for the French-Acadian category.

SOURCE: Census of Population and Housing, 1980: Summary Tape File 4B (Maine)/Prepared by the Bureau of the Census. -- Washington: The Bureau (Producer and Distributor), 1982.

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ABOVE-AVERAGE NUMBER OF MAINE PERSONS WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS

MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION NEW ENGLANDERS WERE EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME BASIS DURING 1983. OF THIS NUMBER, MORE THAN 270,000 WERE WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU FOR THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

DURING 1983, APPROXIMATELY 22 PERCENT OF ALL NEW ENGLANDERS WHO WERE WORKING PART-TIME WERE DOING SO INVOLUNTARILY BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. ECONOMIC REASONS INCLUDE: THE INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGES, SLACK WORK, AND REPAIRS TO PLANT AND EQUIPMENT. NATIONALLY, NEARLY 31 PERCENT OF PART-TIMERS WERE ON LESS THAN FULL-TIME SCHEDULES FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. WITHIN NEW ENGLAND, ONLY VERMONT AND MAINE, EACH WITH 32 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PART-TIME EMPLOYED DESIRING WORK ON FULL-TIME SCHEDULES, HAD ABOVE AVERAGE PERCENTAGES OF THE INVOLUNTARY PART-TIME. MASSACHUSETTS HAD THE LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF THESE WORKERS IN THE REGION.

THERE WERE SHARP DIFFERENCES IN THE INCIDENCE OF PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. WITHIN NEW ENGLAND LAST YEAR, 32.7 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED WOMEN WERE WORKING PART-TIME, MORE THAN 82 PERCENT OF THEM VOLUNTARILY. AMONG EMPLOYED MEN IN THE REGION, HOWEVER, ONLY 11.5 PERCENT WERE WORKING PART-TIME SCHEDULES, WITH ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF THEM WORKING PART-TIME BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. NATIONALLY, A SOMEWHAT SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AND A SLIGHTLY LARGER PERCENTAGE OF MEN WERE ON PART-TIME SCHEDULES DURING 1983 THAN WAS THE CASE IN NEW ENGLAND.

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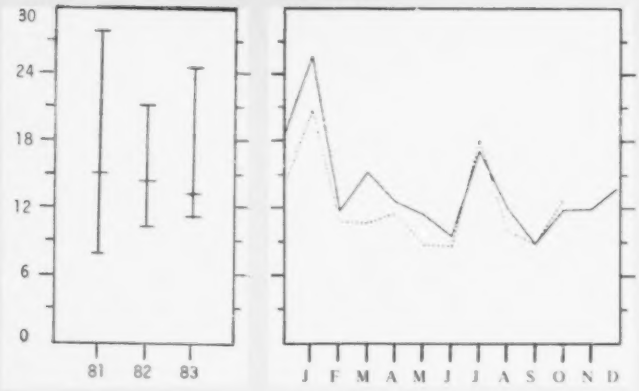
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
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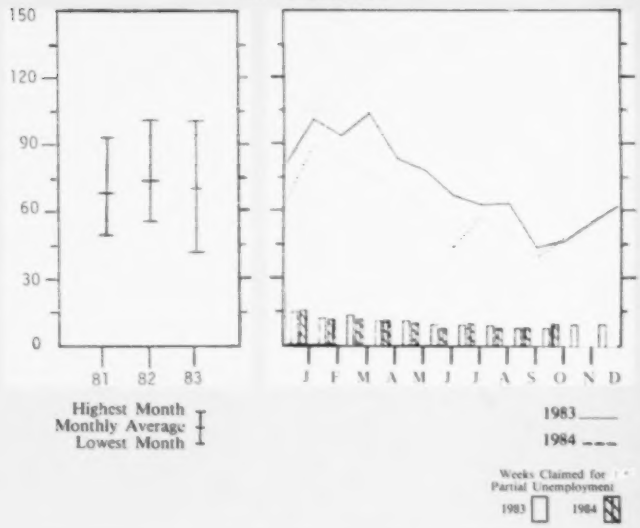


AMONG THE NEW ENGLAND STATES, VOLUNTARY PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT WAS MOST PREVALENT IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, AND RELATIVELY LESS SO IN VERMONT AND MAINE. IN TOTAL, 16.3 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS AND 14.1 OF ALL WORKERS NATIONWIDE WERE ON VOLUNTARY PART-TIME SCHEDULES LAST YEAR. THE PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS WHO WERE INVOLUNTARILY WORKING PART-TIME DURING 1983 WAS HIGHEST IN MAINE AND VERMONT AND LOWEST IN MASSACHUSETTS.

COMPARING THESE STATISTICS ON PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH SIMILAR DATA FROM FIVE YEARS AGO, THERE IS NO DISCERNIBLE TREND OF WORKERS OPTING INCREASINGLY FOR LESS THAN FULL-TIME WORK. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE--FROM 20 PERCENT TO 20.8 PERCENT--IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS WORKING PART-TIME, ALL OF THIS CHANGE TOOK PLACE IN THE CATEGORY OF WORKERS CLASSIFIED AS INVOLUNTARY PART-TIMERS. NATIONALLY, PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT INCREASED MORE SHARPLY, FROM 18 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYMENT IN 1978 TO 20.3 PERCENT LAST YEAR.

ALTHOUGH VOLUNTARY PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY ONLY ABOUT 5 PERCENT BOTH REGIONALLY AND NATIONALLY OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, THOSE WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS INCREASED BY ABOUT 37 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND BY OVER 80 PERCENT IN THE U.S. AS A WHOLE. MORE THAN 6.2 MILLION AMERICANS--272,000 OF THEM NEW ENGLANDERS--WERE INVOLUNTARY PART-TIME WORKERS DURING 1983. THERE WERE MARKED DIFFERENCES AMONG THE SIX NEW ENGLAND STATES IN THE INCREASE OF INVOLUNTARY PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. MASSACHUSETTS HAD THE LOWEST RATE OF INCREASE AT 14 PERCENT, WHILE RHODE ISLAND HAD THE HIGHEST RATE AT 100 PERCENT. NEW HAMPSHIRE MATCHED THE NATIONAL INCREASE AT 83 PERCENT, WHILE VERMONT AND MAINE RECORDED A 55 PERCENT INCREASE AND CONNECTICUT A 39 PERCENT INCREASE. (SEE RELATED TABLE ON PAGE 6)

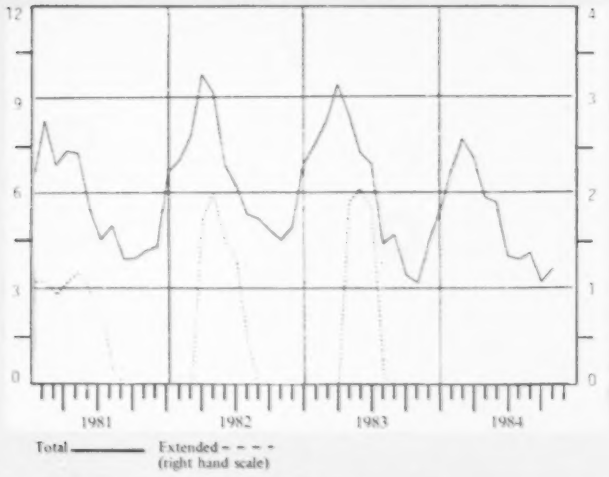
Source: Selected portions of an October 4, 1984 news release entitled "About 22 Percent of All Employed New Englanders Work Part-Time; One Third of Working Women are Part-Timers," published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Boston Regional Office.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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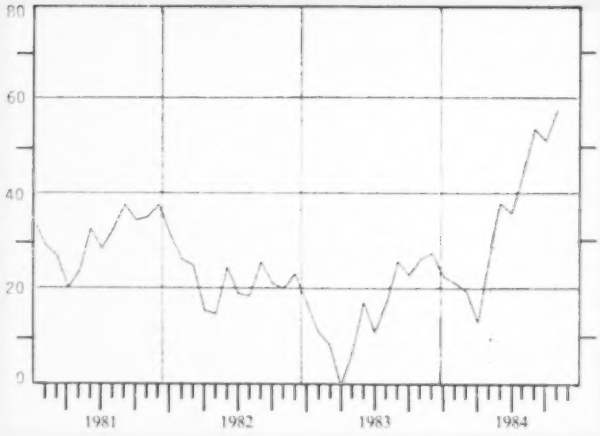
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	441.1	442.8	430.5	104.2	103.2	98.6	34.2	34.2	34.3
Total Manufacturing	108.9	109.2	111.4	17.1	17.2	16.4	10.9	11.1	11.6
Durable Goods	43.5	43.2	41.8	7.9	7.9	6.5	2.3	2.4	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.6	13.7	13.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.8	16.8	15.1	6.2	6.1	5.6	1.8	1.9	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.1	12.7	13.3	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	65.4	66.0	69.6	9.2	9.3	9.9	8.6	8.7	9.5
Food and Kindred Products	8.7	8.4	8.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.9	7.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.5	1.6
Apparel	4.8	4.9	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.6	18.8	18.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	16.6	17.0	20.6	2.4	2.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.7	14.1	17.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.8	3.1
All Other	2.9	2.9	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	10.0	10.0	4.8	4.9	4.6	2.2	2.2	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	332.2	333.6	319.1	87.1	86.0	82.2	23.3	23.1	22.7
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	19.7	19.3	19.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.5	18.8	18.4	5.7	5.7	5.7	1.2	1.1	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	101.6	105.2	95.6	29.2	29.1	27.3	8.2	8.1	8.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.1	19.2	18.0	9.0	9.0	8.5	1.7	1.8	1.6
Services	87.7	89.7	83.7	23.9	24.4	22.3	7.6	7.5	7.2
Government	85.4	81.2	83.7	14.6	13.2	13.9	3.1	3.1	3.2
Federal	18.1	18.0	18.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	67.3	63.2	65.4	13.2	11.8	12.5	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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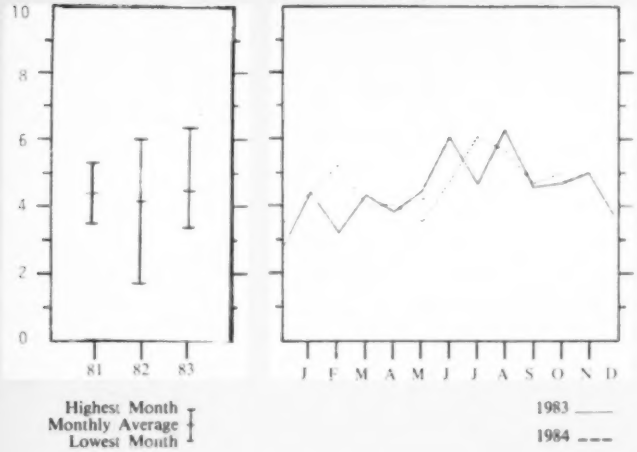
New Applications For Work

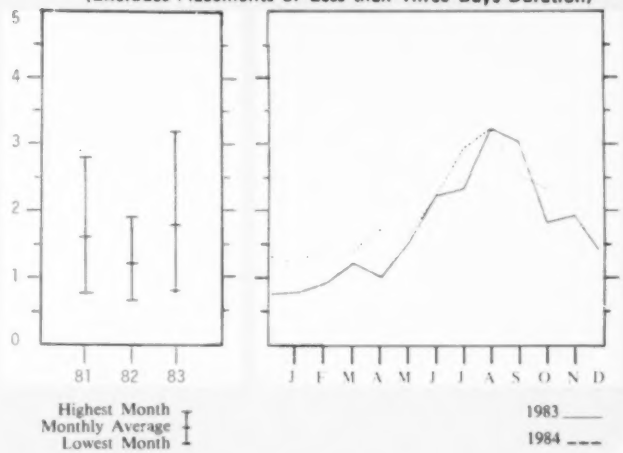
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.15	$329.64	$306.80	39.8	40.2	40.0	$8.27	$8.20	$7.67	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	344.29	342.72	324.82	40.6	40.8	40.2	8.48	8.40	8.08	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	323.21	322.64	309.20	40.3	41.1	40.9	8.02	7.85	7.56	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	320.78	319.99	305.56	40.4	40.2	40.1	7.94	7.96	7.62	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	401.70	400.20	368.68	41.2	41.3	39.6	9.75	9.69	9.31	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	319.51	320.79	297.26	39.3	39.8	39.9	8.13	8.06	7.45	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	230.75	234.61	211.67	35.5	36.6	34.7	6.50	6.41	6.10	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	258.96	260.41	252.95	41.5	41.4	42.3	6.24	6.29	5.98	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	197.38	202.21	206.42	35.5	36.5	37.6	5.56	5.54	5.49	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	532.22	531.63	513.02	44.5	44.6	45.4	11.96	11.92	11.30	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	206.26	206.70	207.76	35.5	36.2	37.3	5.81	5.71	5.57	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	287.56	291.51	262.02	39.5	40.6	39.7	7.28	7.18	6.60	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	310.95	308.70	295.29	38.2	38.3	38.2	8.14	8.06	7.73	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	249.16	248.87	245.57	37.3	37.2	39.8	6.68	6.69	6.17	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	234.0	241.5	223.5
Unemployed	14.9	15.4	18.9
(Percent)	6.4%	6.4%	8.5%
Resident Employed	219.1	226.1	204.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	315.3	314.5	302.6	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	540.1	568.6	538.1	513.6	541.0	499.6	26.5	27.6	38.5	4.9	4.9	7.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,700	43,100	44,200	42,000	41,400	41,100	1,700	1,700	3,100	3.9	3.9	7.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,700	34,300	33,900	31,900	32,500	31,700	1,800	1,800	2,200	5.3	5.2	6.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	39,000	39,300	39,100	36,600	36,900	36,200	2,400	2,400	2,900	6.2	6.1	7.4
Portland SMSA	104,400	103,900	100,000	101,100	100,600	94,400	3,300	3,300	5,600	3.2	3.2	5.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,510	30,180	29,400	28,030	28,610	27,590	1,480	1,570	1,810	5.0	5.2	6.2
Bath-Brunswick	23,660	23,770	25,040	22,850	22,960	23,560	810	810	1,480	3.4	3.4	5.9
Belfast	11,330	11,350	11,750	10,440	10,510	10,580	890	840	1,170	7.9	7.4	10.0
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	8,590	9,560	9,240	8,250	9,190	8,700	340	370	540	4.0	3.9	5.8
Calais Eastport	14,800	15,930	14,870	13,780	14,860	13,440	1,020	1,070	1,430	6.9	6.7	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,730	27,850	21,760	19,000	25,260	18,320	1,730	2,590	3,440	8.3	9.3	15.8
Central Penobscot	3,590	3,550	3,740	3,410	3,400	3,510	180	150	230	5.0	4.2	6.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,560	6,660	6,550	6,240	6,310	6,110	320	350	440	4.9	5.3	6.7
Ellsworth	22,430	24,300	21,430	21,530	23,440	20,330	900	860	1,100	4.0	3.5	5.1
Farmington	12,700	12,710	13,310	11,760	11,790	12,220	940	920	1,090	7.4	7.2	8.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,880	9,460	5,340	5,530	8,960	4,960	350	590	380	6.0	5.3	7.1
Greenville	1,680	1,610	1,790	1,570	1,500	1,730	110	110	60	6.5	6.8	3.4
Houlton	5,190	7,920	5,260	4,890	7,500	4,760	300	420	500	5.8	5.3	9.5
Lincoln-Howland	5,990	5,940	5,910	5,700	5,710	5,530	290	230	380	4.8	3.9	6.4
Livermore Falls	6,490	6,870	6,100	5,890	6,260	5,530	600	610	570	9.2	8.9	9.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,310	6,360	4,510	4,020	5,970	3,980	290	390	530	6.7	6.1	11.8
Mechanic Falls	2,550	2,640	2,290	2,340	2,430	2,040	210	210	250	8.2	8.0	10.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,020	5,050	5,040	4,850	4,890	4,720	170	160	320	3.4	3.2	6.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,290	4,160	2,410	2,190	4,000	2,210	100	160	200	4.4	3.8	8.3
Rockland	18,370	18,810	18,030	17,540	18,020	16,790	830	790	1,240	4.5	4.2	6.9
Rumford	19,860	19,780	20,880	18,500	18,430	19,180	1,360	1,350	1,700	6.8	6.8	8.1
Sebago Lake Region	12,010	12,860	11,640	11,540	12,360	10,910	470	500	730	3.9	3.9	6.3
Skowhegan	21,820	22,280	21,520	20,350	20,920	19,410	1,470	1,360	2,110	6.7	6.1	9.8
Kittery-York	23,570	27,920	22,990	23,100	27,440	22,430	470	480	560	2.0	1.7	2.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,250	8,390	8,110	7,640	7,770	7,300	610	620	810	7.4	7.4	10.0
Waterville	22,100	22,280	21,850	21,060	21,220	20,230	1,040	1,060	1,620	4.7	4.8	7.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,678.4	1,614.4	n/a	1,606.5	1,535.2	n/a	71.9	79.2	n/a	4.3	4.9
Massachusetts	3,054.0	3,048.0	3,014.4	2,950.0	2,910.0	2,820.4	104.0	137.0	194.0	3.4	4.5	6.4
New Hampshire	n/a	528.9	511.7	n/a	514.0	493.2	n/a	14.9	18.5	n/a	2.8	3.6
Rhode Island	500.6	498.2	477.0	478.5	475.7	447.1	22.1	22.5	29.9	4.4	4.5	6.3
Vermont	279.0	276.9	269.1	269.7	267.1	255.6	9.3	9.8	13.5	3.3	3.5	5.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,029.4	5,886.6	n/a	5,773.3	5,551.5	n/a	256.1	335.1	n/a	4.2	5.7
UNITED STATES 3/	114,250	113,843	112,042	106,262	105,792	102,659	7,989	8,051	9,383	7.0	7.1	8.4

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits, state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	7,233	7,435	8,275	850	821	1,105	775	850	529
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.0	0.9	1.3	2.4	2.6	1.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

NUMBER OF FULL- AND PART-TIME EMPLOYED

1978 AND 1983 ANNUAL AVERAGES

(numbers in thousands)

AREA	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT		FULL-TIME SCHEDULES		PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS		VOLUNTARY PART-TIME	
	1978	1983	1978	1983	1978	1983	1978	1983
MASSACHUSETTS	2,663	2,781	2,121	2,203	92	105	450	473
CONNECTICUT	1,433	1,512	1,150	1,207	49	68	234	237
RHODE ISLAND	405	437	325	338	13	26	67	73
MAINE	**444**	**488**	**351**	**381**	**22**	**34**	**71**	**73**
NEW HAMPSHIRE	412	476	339	379	12	22	61	75
VERMONT	223	249	176	196	11	17	36	36
NEW ENGLAND	5,580	5,943	4,462	4,704	199	272	919	967
UNITED STATES	94,373	100,833	77,396	80,395	3,428	6,266	13,549	14,172

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EMPLOYER SERVICES PROGRAM

THE MOTTO OF THE MAINE JOB SERVICE IS "WE BRING GOOD PEOPLE AND GOOD JOBS TOGETHER." IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THE JOB SERVICE HAS FOCUSED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT RECENTLY ON EMPLOYER RELATIONS. THROUGH THIS EFFORT HAS EVOLVED A MULTI-FACETED NETWORK OF SERVICES COLLECTIVELY CALLED THE EMPLOYER SERVICES PROGRAM OR ESP. IN ORDER TO PLACE APPLICANTS, JOB SERVICE STAFF KNOW HOW VITAL IT IS TO UNDERSTAND AND MEET THE NEEDS OF MAINE'S EMPLOYERS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO EXPLAIN THE SERVICES OFFERED BY JOB SERVICE AND TO PROMOTE MAXIMUM USE BY EMPLOYERS. TO FOLLOW ARE SUMMARIES OF SEVERAL SPECIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYERS UNDER ESP.

TARGETED JOB TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (TJTC): TJTC IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO EMPLOYERS TO HIRE PERSONS FROM CERTAIN TARGET GROUPS THAT HAVE A PARTICULARLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OR OTHER SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS SUCH AS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLIENTS, ETC..

THE MAINE JOB SERVICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ADMINISTERS THE TJTC PROGRAM. THE AGENCY SCREENS APPLICANTS FOR ELIGIBILITY AND HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING EMPLOYER CERTIFICATIONS FOR TAX CREDITS. THE CREDITS ARE BASED ON 50% OF THE FIRST YEAR'S WAGES UP TO $6,000 (OR A MAXIMUM OF $3,000), AND 25% OF THE SECOND YEAR WAGES UP TO $6,000 (MAXIMUM $1,500) FOR EACH ELIGIBILE EMPLOYEE.

IN ORDER FOR AN EMPLOYER TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT, THE FOLLOWING MUST TAKE PLACE:

1. THE POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE MUST BE DETERMINED ELIGIBLE AS A MEMBER OF A TARGETED GROUP BY THE LOCAL JOB SERVICE OFFICE
2. HE/SHE MUST BE A NEW EMPLOYEE.
3. ON OR BEFORE THAT PERSON STARTS WORK, THE EMPLOYER MUST REQUEST CERTIFICATION OF THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT IN WRITING OR COMPLETE THE EMPLOYER PORTION OF THE VOUCHER AND SEND IT TO:

   MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
   MAINE JOB SERVICE/TJTC
   20 UNION STREET
   AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330
4. A CERTIFICATION WILL BE RETURNED WITHIN 72 HOURS.

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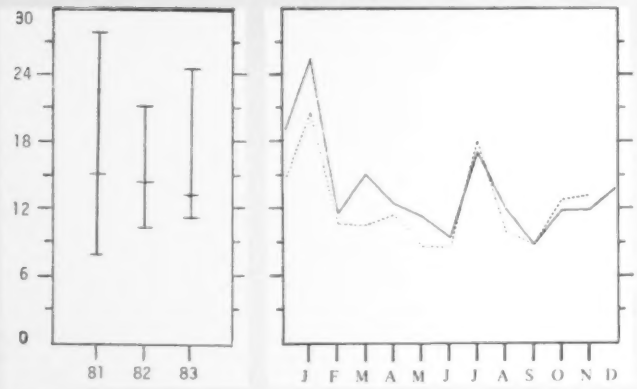
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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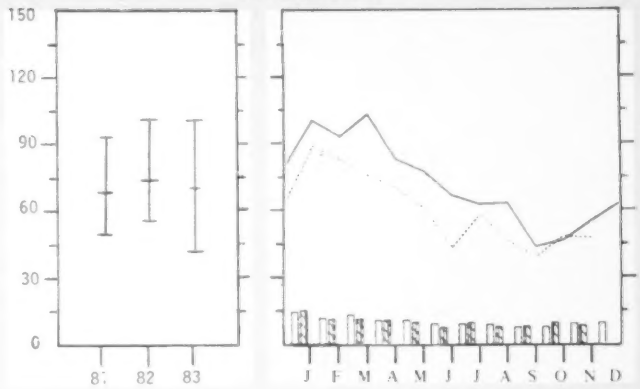


EXCLUSIVE REFERRAL: MANY JOB SERVICE OFFICES HAVE DEVELOPED AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHEREBY THE EMPLOYERS LIST ALL THEIR JOB OPENINGS WITH THE JOB SERVICE AND, IN TURN, THE JOB SERVICE TAKES APPLICATIONS FROM ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS, SCREENS FOR EMPLOYER'S QUALIFICATIONS, AND REFERS ONLY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF APPLICANTS THAT THE EMPLOYER WISHES TO INTERVIEW. THIS TYPE OF AGREEMENT HAS PROVED TO BE VERY BENEFICIAL TO EMPLOYERS BY RELIEVING THEIR PERSONNEL OFFICE OF MUCH TIME SPENT IN TAKING APPLICATIONS AND SCREENING APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT MEET MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS. ALSO, THE JOB SERVICE CAN HELP MEET AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GOALS IN THAT THEY ARE MANDATED TO FUNCTION ACCORDING TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LAWS. THE JOB SERVICE HAS EXCLUSIVE REFERRAL AGREEMENTS WITH OVER 150 OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN MAINE.

POSITIVE RECRUITMENT: THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES PERSONALIZED SERVICE AND LOCAL OFFICE FACILITIES TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN THEIR RECRUITMENT EFFORT. IT HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL FOR NEW EMPLOYERS MOVING INTO AN AREA WHO MAY NOT EVEN HAVE A PERSONNEL OFFICE SET UP, OR FOR ESTABLISHED EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE MASS RECRUITMENT NEEDS. THE JOB SERICE CAN PUBLICIZE THEIR JOB OPENINGS, CONFIDENTIALLY IF DESIRED, AND DIRECT INTERESTED APPLICANTS TO REPORT TO THEIR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

EMPLOYER VISITATION: THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO MAINTAIN A REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTACTS TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EMPLOYER AND BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE SPECIFIC JOBS WITHIN THE EMPLOYER'S OPERATION. BY DOING THIS, THE JOB SERVICE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF SELECTING AND REFERRING THE PROPER TYPE OF APPLICANTS FOR THE EMPLOYER.

EMPLOYER ADVISORY COMMITTEES: MANY JOB SERVICE OFFICES HAVE ESTABLISHED COMMITTEES OF EMPLOYERS TO WORK WITH THE JOB SERVICE AND HELP THEM DEVELOP IMPROVED METHODS OF OPERATIONS. THE EMPLOYER ADVISORY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN MAKING THE JOB SERVICE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF EMPLOYERS.

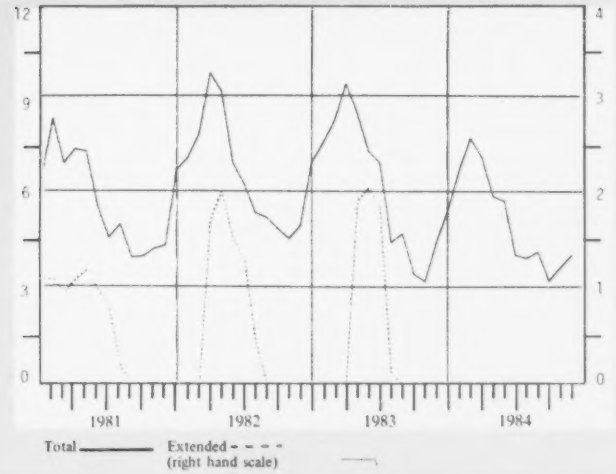
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SERVICES DISCUSSED AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MAINE JOB SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST JOB SERVICE OFFICE.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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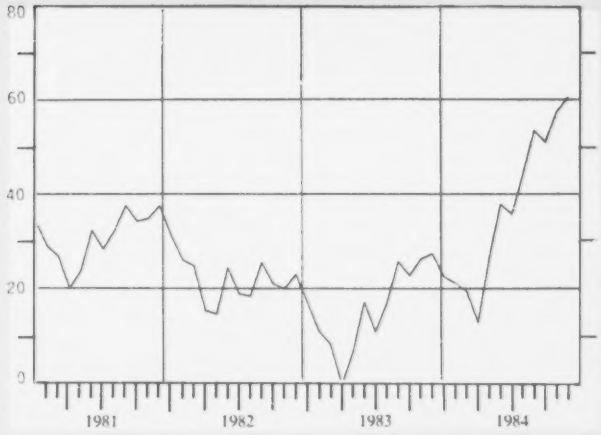
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	437.0	441.1	425.6	104.4	104.2	99.0	34.1	34.2	34.1
Total Manufacturing	107.5	108.9	110.3	16.8	17.1	16.5	10.7	10.9	11.5
Durable Goods	43.7	43.5	41.6	7.9	7.9	6.6	2.3	2.3	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.6	13.6	13.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	17.0	16.8	15.3	6.2	6.2	5.6	1.9	1.8	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.1	13.1	13.0	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Nondurable Goods	63.8	65.4	68.7	8.9	9.2	9.9	8.4	8.6	9.4
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.7	8.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.5	6.7	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.4	1.6
Apparel	4.7	4.8	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.6	18.6	18.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	15.8	16.6	20.2	2.3	2.4	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.2	13.7	17.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.5	2.8	3.1
All Other	2.6	2.9	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.0	9.9	4.7	4.8	4.6	2.4	2.2	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	329.5	332.2	315.3	87.6	87.1	82.5	23.4	23.3	22.6
Mining	0.1	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	19.2	19.7	18.3	4.5	4.7	4.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.4	18.5	18.4	5.6	5.7	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	100.4	101.6	94.4	29.9	29.2	27.6	8.4	8.2	8.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.2	19.1	18.0	9.1	9.0	8.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Services	85.6	87.7	81.5	23.9	23.9	22.4	7.6	7.6	7.1
Government	86.6	85.4	84.5	14.6	14.6	14.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.1	18.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	68.3	67.3	66.0	13.2	13.2	12.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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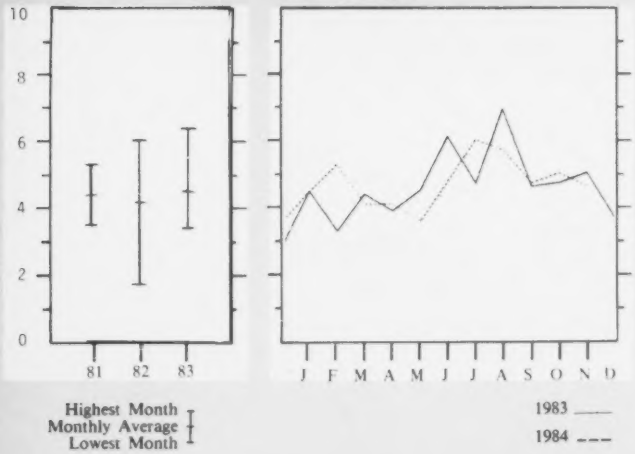
New Applications For Work

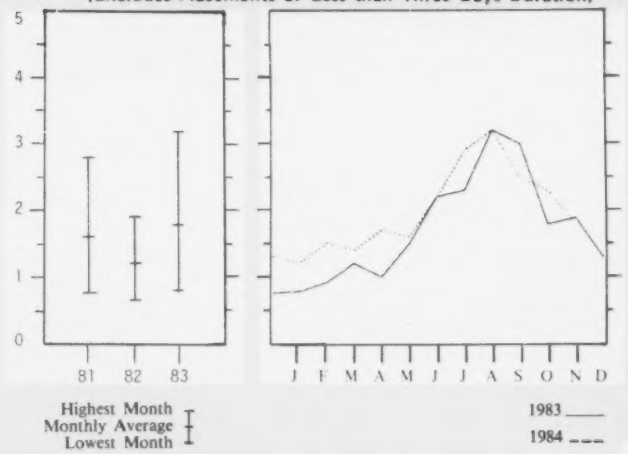
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$338.85	$329.15	$310.45	40.1	39.8	39.7	$8.45	$8.27	$7.82	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	346.32	344.29	321.19	40.6	40.6	39.8	8.53	8.48	8.07	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	316.41	323.21	308.66	39.7	40.3	40.4	7.97	8.02	7.64	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	320.79	320.78	306.00	40.3	40.4	40.0	7.96	7.94	7.65	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	414.81	401.70	357.10	41.9	41.2	38.9	9.90	9.75	9.18	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	333.92	319.51	304.13	39.8	39.3	39.6	8.39	8.13	7.68	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	243.57	230.75	216.04	36.3	35.5	35.3	6.71	6.50	6.12	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	266.88	258.96	254.40	41.7	41.5	42.4	6.40	6.24	6.00	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	196.42	197.38	212.22	35.2	35.5	38.1	5.58	5.56	5.57	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	558.67	532.22	528.22	45.2	44.5	44.5	12.36	11.96	11.87	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	211.77	206.26	204.59	36.2	35.5	36.6	5.85	5.81	5.59	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	288.07	287.56	265.05	39.3	39.5	39.5	7.33	7.28	6.71	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	325.54	310.95	304.34	39.7	38.2	37.9	8.20	8.14	8.03	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	251.97	249.16	244.61	37.0	37.3	39.2	6.81	6.68	6.24	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	229.8	234.0	218.7
Unemployed	15.2	14.9	17.7
(Percent)	6.6%	6.4%	8.1%
Resident Employed	214.5	219.1	201.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	315.3	315.3	303.1	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	0.0%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	528.1	540.1	529.4	500.1	513.6	490.5	28.0	26.5	38.9	5.3	4.9	7.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,100	43,700	44,200	41,300	42,000	41,000	1,800	1,700	3,200	4.2	3.9	7.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	33,100	33,700	33,800	31,200	31,900	31,500	1,900	1,800	2,300	5.7	5.3	6.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,400	39,000	39,100	36,100	36,600	36,200	2,300	2,400	2,900	6.0	6.2	7.4
Portland SMSA	103,700	104,400	100,500	100,400	101,100	95,200	3,300	3,300	5,300	3.2	3.2	5.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,370	29,510	29,470	27,760	28,030	27,630	1,610	1,480	1,840	5.5	5.0	6.2
Bath-Brunswick	23,450	23,660	24,560	22,550	22,850	23,190	900	810	1,370	3.8	3.4	5.6
Belfast	11,230	11,330	11,250	10,020	10,440	10,050	1,210	890	1,200	10.8	7.9	10.7
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,920	8,590	8,510	7,450	8,250	7,910	470	340	600	5.9	4.0	7.1
Calais-Eastport	14,250	14,800	14,670	13,130	13,780	13,160	1,120	1,020	1,510	7.9	6.9	10.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,520	20,730	21,110	18,640	19,000	17,700	1,880	1,730	3,410	9.2	8.3	16.2
Central Penobscot	3,560	3,590	3,750	3,380	3,410	3,540	180	180	210	5.1	5.0	5.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,430	6,560	6,570	6,130	6,240	6,130	300	320	440	4.7	4.9	6.7
Ellsworth	21,070	22,430	19,950	19,790	21,530	18,690	1,280	900	1,260	6.1	4.0	6.3
Farmington	12,520	12,700	13,430	11,550	11,760	12,200	970	940	1,230	7.7	7.4	9.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,130	5,880	4,840	4,780	5,530	4,490	350	350	350	6.8	6.0	7.2
Greenville	1,620	1,680	1,760	1,500	1,570	1,690	120	110	70	7.4	6.5	4.0
Houlton	4,940	5,190	5,010	4,640	4,890	4,500	300	300	510	6.1	5.8	10.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,880	5,990	5,960	5,630	5,700	5,580	250	290	380	4.3	4.8	6.4
Livermore Falls	6,210	6,490	6,060	5,620	5,890	5,390	590	600	670	9.5	9.2	11.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,970	4,310	4,180	3,670	4,020	3,720	300	290	460	7.6	6.7	11.0
Mechanic Falls	2,310	2,550	2,110	2,090	2,340	1,860	220	210	250	9.5	8.2	11.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,930	5,020	5,030	4,780	4,850	4,730	150	170	300	3.0	3.4	6.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,180	2,290	2,230	2,080	2,190	2,050	100	100	180	4.6	4.4	8.1
Rockland	18,220	18,370	17,540	17,210	17,540	16,130	1,010	830	1,410	5.5	4.5	8.0
Rumford	19,560	19,860	20,340	18,230	18,500	18,770	1,330	1,360	1,570	6.8	6.8	7.7
Sebago Lake Region	11,870	12,010	11,430	11,380	11,540	10,700	490	470	730	4.1	3.9	6.4
Skowhegan	21,360	21,820	21,180	19,900	20,350	18,970	1,460	1,470	2,210	6.8	6.7	10.4
Kittery-York	21,040	23,570	20,800	20,530	23,100	20,160	510	470	640	2.4	2.0	3.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,250	8,250	8,140	7,590	7,640	7,310	660	610	830	8.0	7.4	10.2
Waterville	22,120	22,100	22,030	21,070	21,060	20,410	1,050	1,040	1,620	4.7	4.7	7.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,686.0	1,619.4	n/a	1,616.0	1,542.6	n/a	70.0	77.4	n/a	4.2	4.8
Massachusetts	3,075.0	3,054.0	3,044.9	2,971.0	2,950.0	2,875.1	104.0	104.0	169.8	3.4	3.4	5.6
New Hampshire	n/a	534.7	511.1	n/a	519.6	491.7	n/a	15.1	19.4	n/a	2.8	3.9
Rhode Island	504.7	500.6	476.3	482.3	478.5	447.0	22.4	22.1	29.3	4.4	4.4	6.1
Vermont	n/a	279.0	266.4	n/a	269.7	251.7	n/a	9.3	14.7	n/a	3.3	5.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,054.3	5,918.1	n/a	5,833.8	5,607.5	n/a	220.5	310.6	n/a	3.6	5.2
UNITED STATES 3/	114,115	114,250	112,147	106,246	106,262	103,018	7,869	7,989	9,129	6.9	7.0	8.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	9,116	7,233	9,670	963	850	1,089	772	775	674
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.2	1.7	2.4	1.1	1.0	1.3	2.4	2.4	2.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.3	9.0	10.6
Clerical and Sales	18.0	19.3	19.3
Service	11.7	10.3	11.5
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.6	1.3	1.3
Processing	5.4	6.0	6.7
Machine Trades	16.5	16.0	11.4
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PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

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35-39	10.5	10.4	10.4
Total 40 and Over	43.9	44.8	44.1
40-44	8.0	8.2	7.6
45-54	12.1	13.0	12.9
55-64	10.1	10.7	17.7
65 and Over	13.7	12.9	5.9

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NEW MAINE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS ARE DEFINED

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs) ARE DEFINED BY THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL STATISTICAL POLICY AND STANDARDS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THEY ARE LARGE POPULATION CENTERS, IN COMBINATION WITH ADJACENT COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE HIGHLY INTEGRATED WITH THESE CENTERS ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY. THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMMUNITY BELONGS IN A METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA INCLUDE ITS POPULATION DENSITY AND THE PERCENTAGE OF ITS WORKERS WHO COMMUTE TO JOBS IN THE CENTRAL CORE OF THE URBAN AREA.

ON JUNE 30, 1983, FOUR AREAS IN MAINE WERE CONSTITUTED AS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS. PORTLAND, LEWISTON-AUBURN, AND BANGOR WERE DESIGNATED AS SELF-CONTAINED MSAs WITHIN MAINE, WHILE EIGHT TOWNS IN SOUTHERN MAINE WERE INCLUDED IN THE PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA, WHICH IS LARGELY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TO QUALIFY AS AN MSA IN NEW ENGLAND, AN AREA (MADE UP OF A CENTRAL CORE AND OUTLYING CITIES AND TOWNS) MUST CONTAIN A CITY OF AT LEAST 50,000 POPULATION OR HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF AT LEAST 75,000. IN NEW ENGLAND, CITIES AND TOWNS ARE THE UNITS USED TO DEFINE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS; IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, COUNTIES ARE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IS DUE TO THE GREATER ADMINISTRATIVE IMPORTANCE OF CITIES AND TOWNS IN NEW ENGLAND, AND THE GREATER AVAILABILITY OF DATA FOR THEM.

FOR ECONOMIC PURPOSES, MSAs IN MAINE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE LABOR MARKET AREAS. THIS REQUIRES THAT LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BE PRODUCED FOR EACH MSA, BEGINNING IN 1985. ON PAGE 2 YOU WILL FIND A LIST OF THE NEW MAINE MSAs AND THE CITIES AND TOWNS THAT MAKE THEM UP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

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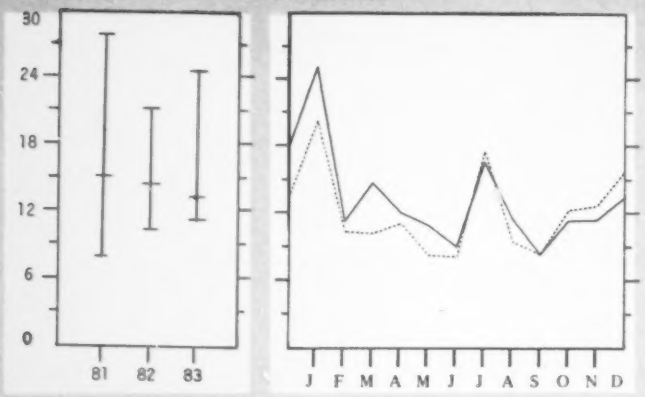
in Thousands



Highest Month
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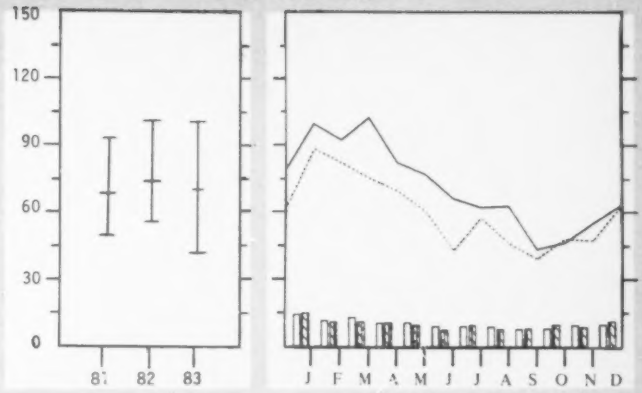
Lowest Month

1983 ——
1984 - - -

UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands



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1983 ——
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Weeks Claimed for Partial Unemployment
1983 ▯ 1984 ▨

NEW MAINE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAs)

BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISION

PORTLAND MSA

Cape Elizabeth
Cumberland
Falmouth
Freeport
Gorham
Gray
North Yarmouth
Portland
Raymond
Scarborough
South Portland
Standish
Westbrook
Windham
Yarmouth
Buxton
Hollis
Old Orchard Beach

LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA

Auburn
Greene
Lewiston
Lisbon
Mechanic Falls
Poland
Sabattus

BANGOR MSA

Bangor
Brewer
Eddington
Glenburn
Hampden
Hermon
Holden
Old Town
Orono
Orrington
Veazie
Penobscot Indian Reservation
Kenduskeag
Winterport

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA

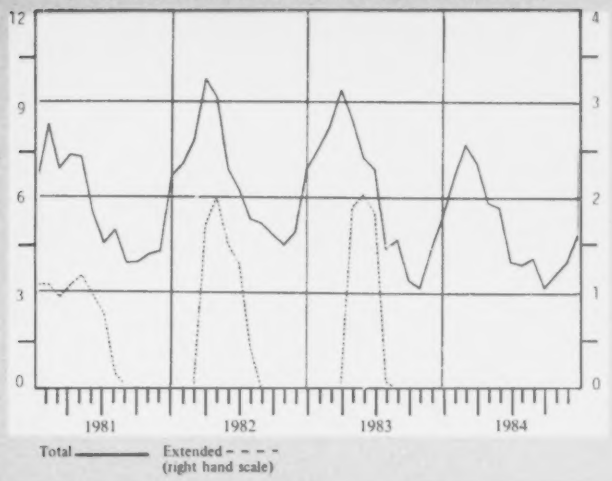
MAINE		NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Berwick	South Berwick	Greenland	Barrington
Eliot	Wells	Hampton	Dover
Kittery	York	New Castle	Durham
North Berwick	Ogunquit	Newfields	Farmington
		Newington	Lee
		Newmarket	Madbury
		North Hampton	Rochester
		Portsmouth	Rollingsford
		Rye	Somersworth

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

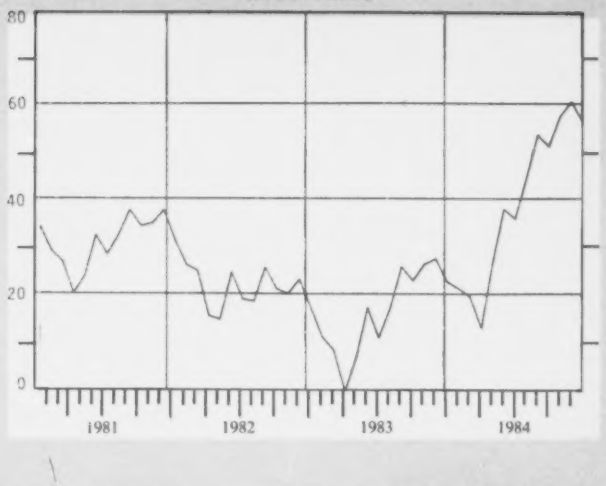
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	435.4	437.0	424.6	104.8	104.4	99.9	33.6	34.1	33.9
Total Manufacturing	107.1	107.5	109.7	17.0	16.8	16.8	10.3	10.7	11.3
Durable Goods	43.7	43.7	41.8	8.0	7.9	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.5	13.6	13.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	17.1	17.0	15.8	6.3	6.2	5.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.1	13.1	12.6	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	63.4	63.8	67.9	9.0	8.9	10.0	8.0	8.4	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.0	7.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.6	6.5	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.3	1.6
Apparel	4.7	4.7	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.7	18.6	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.7
Leather and Leather Products	15.0	15.8	19.8	2.3	2.3	3.3	2.7	3.1	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.7	13.2	16.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.5	2.9
All Other	2.3	2.6	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.0	10.2	9.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.3	2.4	2.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	328.3	329.5	314.9	87.8	87.6	83.1	23.3	23.4	22.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	18.0	19.2	17.1	4.3	4.5	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.4	18.4	18.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	101.1	100.4	95.2	30.1	29.9	28.2	8.5	8.4	8.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.3	19.2	18.0	9.1	9.1	8.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Services	85.2	85.6	81.8	24.1	23.9	22.5	7.4	7.6	7.1
Government	86.2	86.6	84.2	14.6	14.6	14.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Federal	18.4	18.3	18.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	67.8	68.3	65.8	13.2	13.2	12.6	2.9	2.9	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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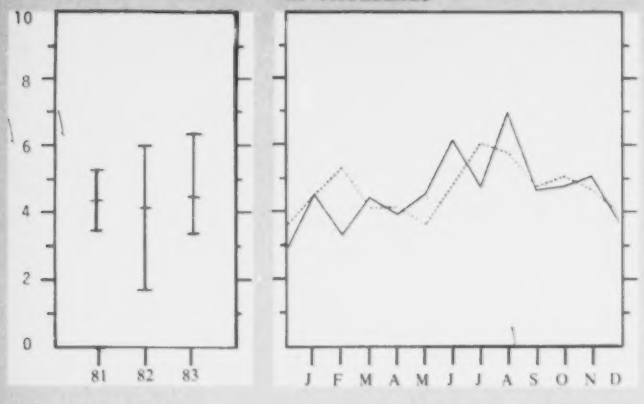
New Applications For Work

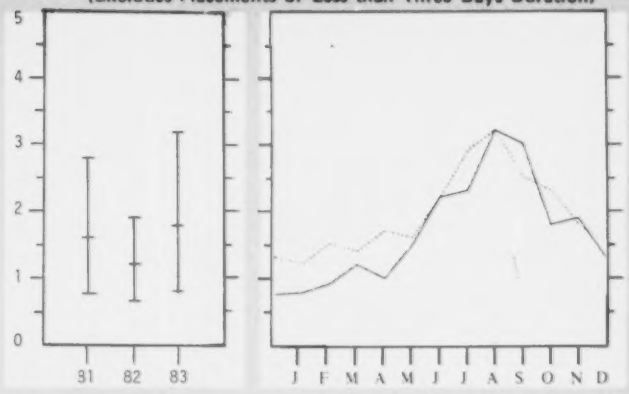
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$340.66	$338.85	$314.31	40.7	40.1	40.4	$8.37	$8.45	$7.78	$7.61	$7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	350.99	346.32	325.62	41.1	40.6	40.4	8.54	8.53	8.06	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	316.65	316.41	292.00	40.7	39.7	39.3	7.78	7.97	7.43	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	335.38	320.79	319.19	41.0	40.3	41.4	8.18	7.96	7.71	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	410.44	414.81	378.14	41.5	41.9	40.4	9.89	9.90	9.36	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	334.53	333.92	307.44	40.5	39.8	40.4	8.26	8.39	7.61	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	241.49	243.57	226.15	36.7	36.3	36.3	6.58	6.71	6.23	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	262.50	266.88	262.04	42.0	41.7	43.6	6.25	6.40	6.01	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	201.96	196.42	194.71	36.0	35.2	36.6	5.61	5.58	5.32	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	547.21	558.67	525.54	46.1	45.2	46.1	11.87	12.36	11.40	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	216.94	211.77	211.30	36.4	36.2	37.2	5.96	5.85	5.68	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	296.21	288.07	266.95	40.3	39.3	39.2	7.35	7.33	6.81	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	326.67	325.54	299.14	39.5	39.7	38.4	8.27	8.20	7.79	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	258.75	251.97	251.62	37.5	37.0	39.5	6.90	6.81	6.37	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	241.7	229.8	218.4
Unemployed	15.2	15.2	19.0
(Percent)	6.3%	6.6%	8.7%
Resident Employed	226.5	214.5	199.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	315.5	315.3	303.5	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.0%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	527.0	528.1	529.4	497.0	500.1	487.5	30.0	28.0	41.9	5.7	5.3	7.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	43,100	43,100	44,000	41,200	41,300	40,700	1,900	1,800	3,300	4.4	4.2	7.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,800	33,100	33,800	30,900	31,200	31,300	1,900	1,900	2,500	5.8	5.7	7.4
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,300	38,400	39,100	35,700	36,100	35,900	2,600	2,300	3,200	6.8	6.0	8.2
Portland SMSA	104,600	103,700	101,400	101,100	100,400	95,900	3,500	3,300	5,500	3.3	3.2	5.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,080	29,370	29,630	27,580	27,760	27,580	1,500	1,610	2,050	5.2	5.5	6.9
Bath-Brunswick	23,540	23,450	24,100	22,650	22,550	22,670	890	900	1,430	3.8	3.8	5.9
Belfast	11,090	11,230	11,400	9,840	10,020	9,940	1,250	1,210	1,460	11.3	10.8	12.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,680	7,920	8,390	7,180	7,450	7,670	500	470	720	6.5	5.9	8.6
Calais-Eastport	14,240	14,250	14,540	13,060	13,130	12,840	1,180	1,120	1,700	8.3	7.9	11.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,510	20,520	21,210	18,540	18,640	17,600	1,970	1,880	3,610	9.6	9.2	17.0
Central Penobscot	3,670	3,560	3,720	3,480	3,380	3,480	190	180	240	5.2	5.1	6.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,610	6,430	6,630	6,250	6,130	6,180	360	300	450	5.4	4.7	6.8
Ellsworth	20,270	21,070	19,790	18,980	19,790	18,190	1,290	1,280	1,600	6.4	6.1	8.1
Farmington	12,540	12,520	13,400	11,580	11,550	12,210	960	970	1,190	7.7	7.7	8.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,200	5,130	4,880	4,780	4,780	4,480	420	350	400	8.1	6.8	8.2
Greenville	1,680	1,620	1,830	1,540	1,500	1,740	140	120	90	8.3	7.4	4.9
Houlton	4,940	4,940	4,980	4,630	4,640	4,490	310	300	490	6.3	6.1	9.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,900	5,880	5,970	5,640	5,630	5,600	260	250	370	4.4	4.3	6.2
Livermore Falls	6,250	6,210	6,080	5,590	5,620	5,350	660	590	730	10.6	9.5	12.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,110	3,970	4,240	3,720	3,670	3,720	390	300	520	9.5	7.6	12.3
Mechanic Falls	2,360	2,310	2,170	2,110	2,090	1,880	250	220	290	10.6	9.5	13.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,990	4,930	4,990	4,790	4,780	4,700	200	150	290	4.0	3.0	5.8
Patten-Island Falls	2,190	2,180	2,210	2,070	2,080	2,020	120	100	190	5.5	4.6	8.6
Rockland	17,960	18,220	17,460	16,930	17,210	15,930	1,030	1,010	1,530	5.7	5.5	8.8
Rumford	19,470	19,560	20,390	18,020	18,230	18,700	1,450	1,330	1,690	7.4	6.8	8.3
Sebago Lake Region	11,870	11,870	11,540	11,310	11,380	10,770	560	490	770	4.7	4.1	6.7
Skowhegan	21,310	21,360	20,990	19,590	19,900	18,660	1,720	1,460	2,330	8.1	6.8	11.1
Kittery-York	20,300	21,040	20,410	19,770	20,530	19,670	530	510	740	2.6	2.4	3.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,310	8,250	8,260	7,570	7,590	7,290	740	660	970	8.9	8.0	11.7
Waterville	22,090	22,120	22,090	20,900	21,070	20,380	1,190	1,050	1,710	5.4	4.7	7.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,694.4	1,627.3	n/a	1,620.3	1,547.4	n/a	74.1	79.9	n/a	4.3	4.9
Massachusetts	3,057.0	3,075.0	3,031.0	2,937.0	2,971.0	2,855.0	120.0	104.0	176.0	3.9	3.4	5.8
New Hampshire	n/a	527.1	511.6	n/a	509.4	491.7	n/a	17.8	19.9	n/a	3.4	3.9
Rhode Island	503.0	504.7	477.2	480.5	482.3	445.0	22.5	22.4	32.2	4.5	4.4	6.7
Vermont	277.3	275.2	268.3	265.4	264.4	252.5	11.9	10.8	15.8	4.3	3.9	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,076.5	5,915.4	n/a	5,847.4	5,591.6	n/a	229.1	323.8	n/a	3.8	5.5
UNITED STATES 3/	114,028	114,115	111,795	106,049	106,246	102,803	7,978	7,869	8,992	7.0	6.9	8.0

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,660	9,116	12,655	1,085	963	1,432	1,245	772	952
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.8	2.2	3.1	1.2	1.1	1.7	3.8	2.4	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.7	8.3	9.7
Clerical and Sales	16.0	18.0	17.5
Service	11.6	11.7	11.5
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.9	1.6	1.7
Processing	4.3	5.4	5.7
Machine Trades	16.0	16.5	11.2
Benchwork	15.2	15.8	9.2
Structural Work	13.2	9.6	18.5
Miscellaneous	14.1	13.1	15.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	58.3	56.1	55.0
Under 22	8.3	7.4	8.3
22-24	11.1	10.5	9.8
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65 and Over	12.8	13.7	5.4

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1984--THE YEAR IN REVIEW

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COMMISSIONER PATRICIA M. MCDONOUGH RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT A TOTAL OF 29,000 MORE PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN MAINE DURING 1984. THIS REPRESENTS THE LARGEST INCREASE IN ANNUAL AVERAGE RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT SINCE 1942.

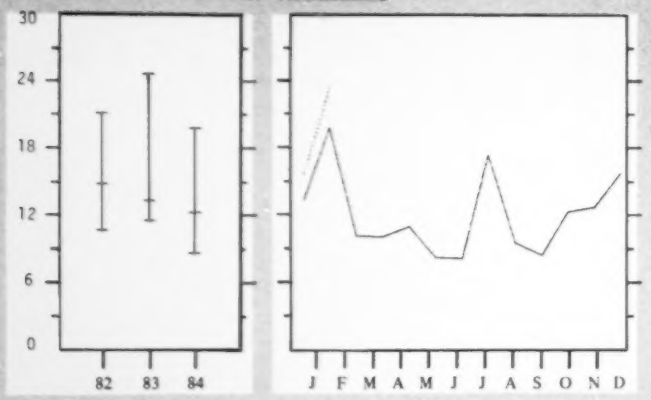
THE YEAR 1984 WAS ONE OF CONTINUED ACCELERATED GROWTH FOR THE MAINE ECONOMY. IT WAS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN WHICH MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. MAINE'S 1984 ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 6.1 PERCENT COMPARED WITH A NATIONAL CIVILIAN RATE OF 7.5 PERCENT.

BETWEEN 1983 AND 1984, MAINE'S CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT BOTH GREW AT FASTER RATES THAN THE NATION'S. MAINE'S CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE GREW BY 2.8 PERCENT, FROM AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 537,000 IN 1983 TO 552,000 IN 1984. MEANWHILE, THE NATION'S LABOR FORCE ONLY GREW BY 1.8 PERCENT. RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE INCREASED FROM AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 489,000 IN 1983 TO 518,000 IN 1984, FOR AN OVER-THE-YEAR GROWTH OF 5.9 PERCENT. THIS ALSO OUTPACED THE NATIONAL RATE OF INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT, WHICH ONLY GREW BY 4.1 PERCENT OVER THE SAME TIME PERIOD.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAINE FELL BY 14,000 FROM AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 48,000 IN 1983 TO 34,000 IN 1984. THE STRENGTH AND CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE MAINE ECONOMY WAS EVIDENCED BY LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN EVERY MONTH IN 1984, WHEN COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING MONTHS IN 1983. THE 1984 STATEWIDE ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 6.1 PERCENT WAS THE LOWEST ANNUAL AVERAGE RATE SINCE 1973.

THE ABOVE IS A CONTINUATION OF TRENDS IN MAINE'S LABOR FORCE STARTING WITH 1980. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED IN MAINE SINCE 1980 HAS GROWN BY 8.9 PERCENT COMPARED WITH 6.2 PERCENT FOR THE NATION. AS FOR RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT, MAINE'S RATE OF GROWTH HAS NEARLY DOUBLED THE NATION'S - 10.7 PERCENT VERSUS 5.8 PERCENT.

UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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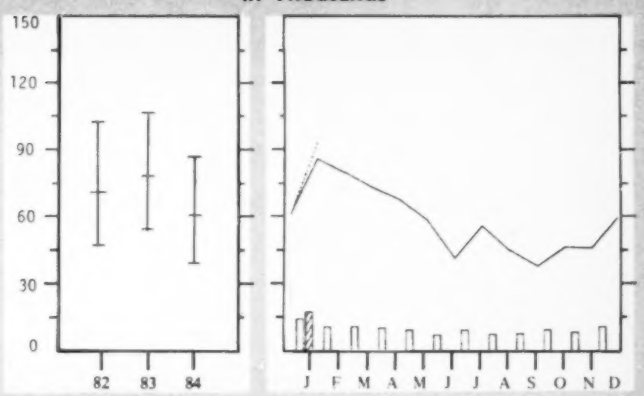


NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE INCREASED BY 20,500 JOBS, FROM AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 425,000 IN 1983 TO 445,500 IN 1984. APPROXIMATELY 94 PERCENT OF THESE NEW JOBS WERE CREATED IN THE NONMANUFACTURING SECTOR. ALL OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN NONMANUFACTURING GREW AT FASTER RATES THAN THE NATION'S. THE LARGEST ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT INCREASES WERE REPORTED IN: WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE (7,600); SERVICES (5,900); CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION (2,500); FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE (1,500); AND TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (900). ANNUAL AVERAGE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 1,200 IN 1984, AS GAINS IN METALS AND MACHINERY, LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS, TEXTILES, AND PAPER MORE THAN OFFSET LOSSES IN LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS.

THE ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES INCREASED FROM $7.61 IN 1983 TO $8.05 IN 1984, AN INCREASE OF 5.8 PERCENT. THE INCREASE OUTPACED THE 4.3 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE SAME PERIOD. THE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED REMAINED THE SAME FOR THE YEAR AT 39.9 HOURS.

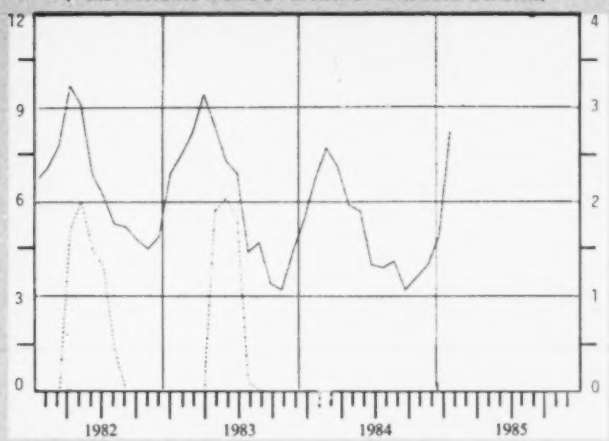
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MAINE'S EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS IN 1984, YOU MAY RECEIVE A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS IN TECHNICAL SERVICES MONOGRAPH LMEP-13 "MAINE'S EMPLOYMENT SITUATION SUMMARY--1984", AT NO CHARGE. CONTACT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR CALL 289-2271 FOR YOUR COPY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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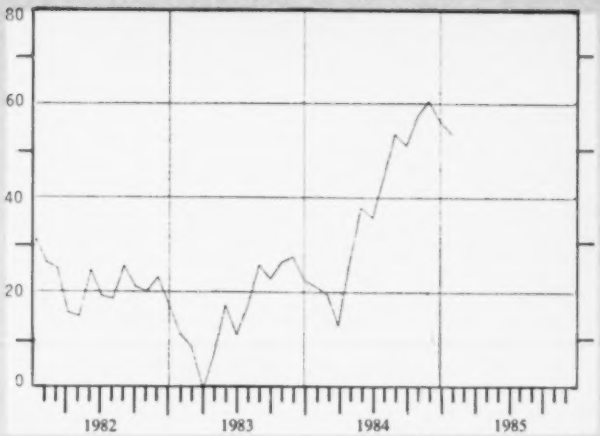
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	434.8	448.7	421.9	101.3	104.6	96.1	35.5	36.1	36.0
Total Manufacturing	107.8	109.0	109.8	16.3	16.3	15.4	10.5	10.5	11.6
Durable Goods	45.4	45.8	43.1	8.1	8.1	7.0	2.4	2.4	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.2	14.4	14.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.9	3.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	4.0	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.8	9.9	8.8	3.4	3.4	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	10.0	10.0	9.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.5	3.5	3.2	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	62.4	63.2	66.7	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.1	9.3
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	8.3	7.4	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.8	6.8	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.4	1.7
Apparel	4.4	4.6	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	18.0	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.7	4.7	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.1	4.1	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	15.4	15.7	19.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.9	13.1	15.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.2	2.2	3.0
Other Leather Products	2.5	2.6	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	327.0	339.7	312.1	85.0	88.3	80.7	25.0	25.6	24.4
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	16.7	18.9	15.7	5.0	5.2	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.9	19.5	18.4	5.5	5.7	5.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	20.1	20.2	19.2	7.7	7.7	7.4	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	79.3	84.4	73.4	21.2	22.8	20.2	6.4	6.9	6.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.3	20.1	18.8	9.1	9.0	8.5	1.8	1.7	1.7
Services	88.0	89.4	84.4	22.9	23.4	21.6	8.8	8.7	8.6
Government	83.6	87.1	82.1	13.6	14.5	13.3	3.5	3.5	3.5
Federal	18.4	18.4	18.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	65.2	68.7	63.6	12.0	12.9	11.8	3.2	3.2	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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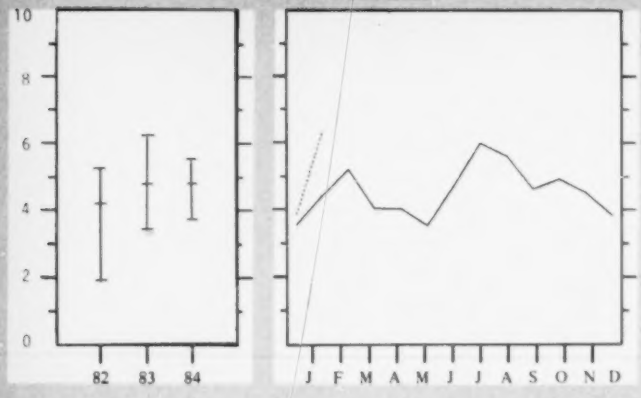
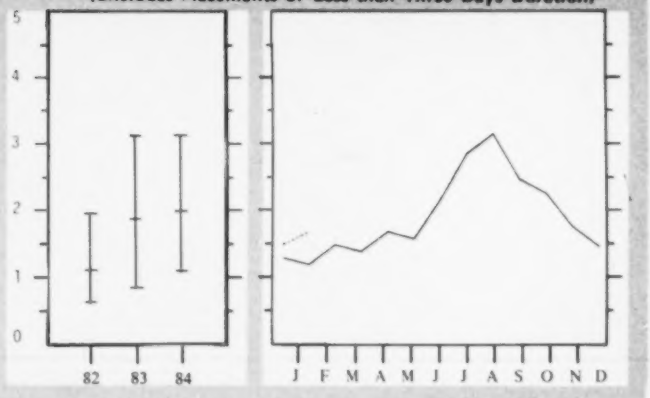


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$334.00	$340.66	$309.29	40.0	40.7	39.5	$8.35	$8.37	$7.83	$8.05	$7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	345.95	350.99	322.81	40.7	41.1	40.1	8.50	8.54	8.05	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	319.56	316.65	301.60	40.4	40.7	40.0	7.91	7.78	7.54	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	334.55	344.32	313.24	41.1	42.3	39.6	8.14	8.14	7.91	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	385.90	390.29	321.96	42.5	44.2	43.1	9.08	8.83	7.47	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	301.41	306.54	297.48	39.4	39.3	40.2	7.65	7.80	7.40	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	410.27	410.44	368.48	41.4	41.5	39.2	9.91	9.89	9.40	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	324.66	334.53	301.45	39.4	40.5	39.2	8.24	8.26	7.69	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	222.40	241.49	211.59	32.0	36.7	33.8	6.95	6.58	6.26	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	272.84	262.50	257.27	42.9	42.0	41.9	6.36	6.25	6.14	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	204.51	201.96	194.50	34.9	36.0	35.3	5.86	5.61	5.51	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	538.90	547.21	512.44	45.4	46.1	46.0	11.87	11.87	11.14	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	213.35	216.94	203.33	36.1	36.4	35.3	5.91	5.96	5.76	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	290.38	296.21	265.34	39.4	40.3	38.4	7.37	7.35	6.91	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	336.87	326.67	283.84	39.4	39.5	37.2	8.55	8.27	7.63	7.96	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	259.38	258.75	241.77	38.2	37.5	37.6	6.79	6.90	6.43	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 2/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	230.0	238.1	223.7
Unemployed	17.7	16.3	18.1
(Percent)	7.7%	6.9%	8.1%
Resident Employed	212.3	221.7	205.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items [CPI-U]	316.1	315.5	305.2	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	529.4	547.9	527.3	490.9	515.8	484.1	38.5	32.1	43.2	7.3	5.9	8.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,000	47,700	43,900	42,300	45,500	41,000	2,700	2,200	2,900	6.0	4.6	6.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,200	42,200	42,000	37,500	38,900	38,400	3,700	3,300	3,600	9.0	7.8	8.6
Portland MSA	101,200	105,500	98,200	96,800	101,800	92,800	4,400	3,700	5,400	4.3	3.5	5.5
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,560	30,620	30,300	28,610	29,040	28,050	1,950	1,580	2,250	6.4	5.2	7.4
Bath-Brunswick	25,240	26,240	26,060	23,840	25,230	24,430	1,400	1,010	1,620	5.5	3.8	6.3
Belfast	10,860	11,370	10,720	9,290	10,120	9,060	1,570	1,250	1,660	14.5	11.0	15.5
Biddeford	22,550	22,990	22,830	21,140	21,870	21,100	1,410	1,120	1,730	6.3	4.9	7.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	7,940	8,290	7,710	7,230	7,750	6,860	710	540	850	8.9	6.5	11.0
Calais-Eastport	14,400	15,240	14,670	12,900	14,000	12,950	1,500	1,240	1,720	10.4	8.1	11.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,100	21,350	21,210	18,570	19,230	17,990	2,530	2,120	3,220	12.0	9.9	15.2
Central Penobscot	3,960	4,420	3,980	3,690	4,200	3,680	270	220	280	6.8	5.0	7.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,560	6,810	6,730	6,110	6,420	6,180	450	390	550	6.9	5.7	8.2
Ellsworth	20,030	20,990	20,010	18,270	19,600	18,140	1,760	1,390	1,870	8.8	6.6	9.3
Farmington	12,630	13,350	13,480	11,410	12,310	12,270	1,220	1,040	1,210	9.7	7.8	9.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,300	5,970	5,160	4,810	5,510	4,700	490	460	460	9.2	7.7	8.9
Greenville	1,630	1,770	1,650	1,490	1,610	1,560	140	160	90	8.6	9.0	5.5
Houlton	5,070	5,150	5,050	4,690	4,810	4,570	380	340	480	7.5	6.6	9.5
Lincoln-Howland	6,120	6,240	6,140	5,760	5,950	5,700	360	290	440	5.9	4.6	7.2
Livermore Falls	3,460	3,660	3,510	3,030	3,270	3,090	430	390	420	12.4	10.7	12.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,220	4,340	4,310	3,720	3,930	3,740	500	410	570	11.8	9.4	13.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,330	5,480	5,260	5,050	5,250	4,980	280	230	280	5.3	4.2	5.3
Norway-Paris	8,640	9,170	9,080	7,710	8,370	8,100	930	800	980	10.8	8.7	10.8
Patten-Island Falls	2,420	2,570	2,310	2,280	2,440	2,130	140	130	180	5.8	5.1	7.8
Rockland	18,310	18,920	17,990	17,050	17,820	16,260	1,260	1,100	1,730	6.9	5.8	9.6
Rumford	9,780	9,830	9,920	8,910	9,110	9,150	870	720	770	8.9	7.3	7.8
Sanford	13,180	13,260	12,520	12,010	12,300	11,590	1,170	960	930	8.9	7.2	7.4
Sebago Lakes Region	8,670	8,890	8,720	8,080	8,440	8,100	590	450	620	6.8	5.1	7.1
Skowhegan	21,450	22,590	21,680	19,270	20,750	19,110	2,180	1,840	2,570	10.2	8.1	11.9
Southwest Penobscot	8,350	8,440	8,370	7,440	7,690	7,300	910	750	1,070	10.9	8.9	12.8
Waterville	21,740	21,820	22,330	20,240	20,540	20,600	1,500	1,280	1,730	6.9	5.9	7.7
York-Kittery	22,490	22,930	21,420	21,640	22,040	20,470	850	840	950	3.8	3.7	4.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,703.5	1,594.0	n/a	1,624.2	1,509.8	n/a	79.3	84.2	n/a	4.7	5.3
Massachusetts	3,019.0	3,057.0	3,011.0	2,882.0	2,937.0	2,790.0	138.0	120.0	221.0	4.6	3.9	7.3
New Hampshire	n/a	525.5	498.7	n/a	504.2	472.3	n/a	21.4	26.3	n/a	4.1	5.3
Rhode Island	491.8	503.0	477.3	465.9	480.5	439.1	25.9	22.5	38.2	5.3	4.5	8.0
Vermont	274.2	277.3	264.3	260.2	265.4	245.2	14.1	11.9	19.1	5.1	4.3	7.2
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,066.4	5,845.2	n/a	5,811.3	5,456.4	n/a	255.1	388.8	n/a	4.2	6.7
UNITED STATES 3/	113,475	114,028	111,025	104,344	106,049	101,270	9,131	7,978	9,755	8.0	7.0	8.8

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	16,168	11,660	16,045	1,552	1,110	1,829	1,756	1,467	1,396
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.9	2.7	3.9	1.8	1.3	8.2	5.2	4.3	4.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	6.8	7.7	8.5
Clerical and Sales	14.7	16.0	16.6
Service	11.3	11.6	11.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.0	1.9	1.9
Processing	4.6	4.3	4.7
Machine Trades	13.8	16.0	11.3
Benchwork	13.4	15.2	9.2
Structural Work	17.4	13.2	20.1
Miscellaneous	16.0	14.1	16.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	59.1	58.3	55.4
Under 22	5.9	8.3	5.8
22-24	10.8	11.1	10.4
25-34	31.6	28.7	29.0
35-39	10.8	10.2	10.2
Total 40 and Over	40.9	41.7	44.6
40-44	7.6	7.6	7.8
45-54	12.3	12.1	11.5
55-64	10.0	9.2	9.4
65 and Over	11.0	12.8	15.9

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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UI CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN AUGUST 1985

A SPECIAL COMMEMORATION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 14, 1985 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) SYSTEM.

IN 1935 WHEN IT APPROVED THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, THE U.S. CONGRESS PAVED THE WAY FOR A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO PROTECT WORKERS AGAINST THE RISK OF WAGE LOSS WHEN OUT OF WORK. THIS LAW WAS SIGNED BY THEN PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT ON AUGUST 14, 1935. IN THAT SAME YEAR, THE MAINE LEGISLATURE PASSED ENABLING LEGISLATION WHICH WAS MODELED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT. THUS, MAINE'S UI SYSTEM WAS BORN. IT IS THE PRODUCT OF FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION WHICH RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL CONCERNS OVER UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE MEASURES NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE IT.

NOW IN ITS 50TH YEAR, UI HAS BECOME ONE OF MAINE'S AND AMERICA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL PROGRAMS. IT HAS FULFILLED ITS MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR JOBS AND ARE LOOKING FOR WORK. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UI PROGRAM HAS AIDED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BY ACTING AS A STABILIZER FOR THE ECONOMY DURING PERIODS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, THEREBY MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF RECESSIONARY PRESSURES.

THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT BENEFITS OF THE UI SYSTEM HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT. DIRECTLY, UI HAS HELPED PAY BASIC LIVING EXPENSES WHEN WORKERS ARE UNEMPLOYED THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. IT HAS PRESERVED MORALE AND TAKEN THE PANIC OUT OF JOB HUNTING BY EASING THE PERSONAL HARDSHIPS OF WORKERS BECOMING UNEMPLOYED. UI HAS MAINTAINED OCCUPATIONAL SKILL LEVELS BY ALLOWING REASONABLE TIME TO FIND EMPLOYMENT TO MATCH WORKERS' TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE. IN SO DOING, UI HAS ENABLED EMPLOYERS TO KEEP THEIR SKILLED AND TRAINED WORKERS AVAILABLE FOR RECALL WHEN PRODUCTION RESUMES. PERHAPS UI'S GREATEST DIRECT EFFECT HAS BEEN TO HELP STABILIZE BUYING POWER

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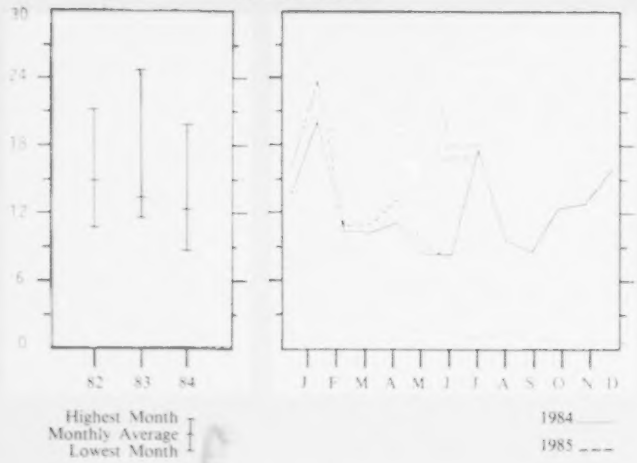
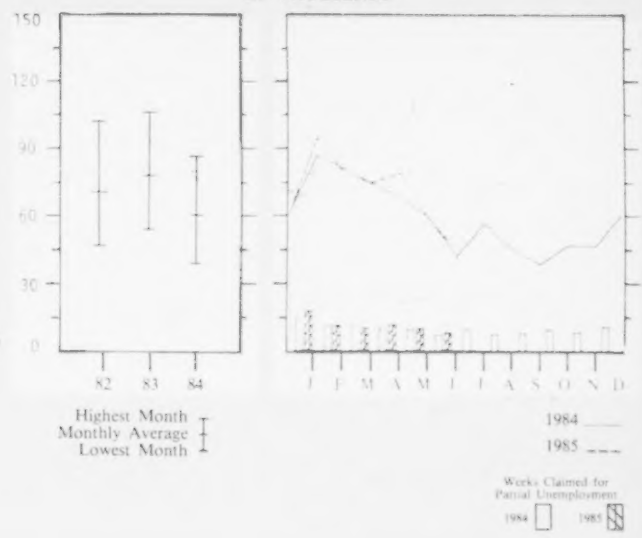
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands



DURING ECONOMIC FLUCTUATIONS SINCE WELL OVER $900 MILLION HAS BEEN PAID TO FORMER MAINE WORKERS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH 1984. THESE PAYMENTS HAVE PROVIDED EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY CAPITAL INFUSIONS TO SUSTAIN THE ECONOMY WHILE HELPING TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

INDIRECTLY, UI HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE AND CURRENT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, WAGES, AND OTHER ECONOMIC STATISTICS. IN TODAY'S COMPLEX AND DYNAMIC ECONOMY, THE UI PROGRAM AFFORDS AN INVALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR POLICY MAKERS AND MANAGERS IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND BUSINESS PLANNING. THE UI PROGRAM FORMS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH IS REGULARLY USED BY MAINE EMPLOYERS TO ASSIST IN PROBLEM SOLVING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT, WAGE STRUCTURES AND NEGOTIATIONS, SITE LOCATION, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND FEDERAL PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE DETERMINATIONS.

AS PART OF THE COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UI SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A PUBLICATION ENTITLED "MAJOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE MAINE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW, 1936 TO 1984." THIS REPORT TRACES THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OCCURRING WITHIN EACH MAJOR SECTION OF MAINE'S UI SYSTEM FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE PROGRAM. IT ALSO CONTAINS THE KEY BENEFIT AND CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS IN BOTH TABULAR AND GRAPHIC FORM. UI LEGISLATION HAS BEEN AMENDED FREQUENTLY OVER THE YEARS AND MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO KEEP THE SYSTEM RESPONSIVE TO EXISTING CONDITIONS; OTHERS HAVE STEMMED FROM CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND EARNINGS. BY PROVIDING A CHRONOLOGY OF THE CHANGES IN BENEFITS, TAXATION, COVERAGE, WAITING PERIOD, DISQUALIFICATIONS, ENTITLEMENT, AND BASE PERIOD PROVISIONS, THE PUBLICATION IS AN INFORMATIVE REFERENCE SOURCE FOR EMPLOYERS, LEGISLATORS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN THE UI SYSTEM.

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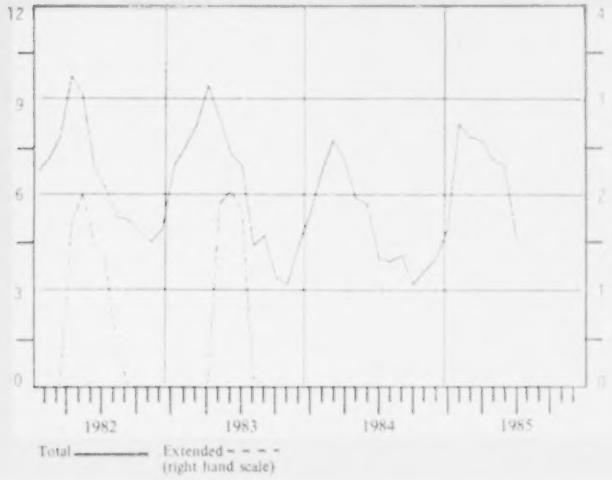
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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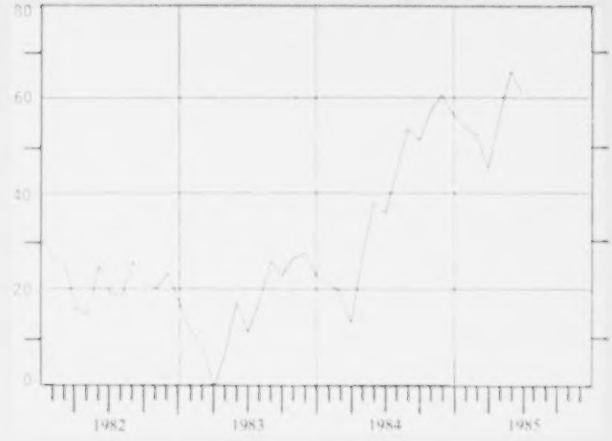
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

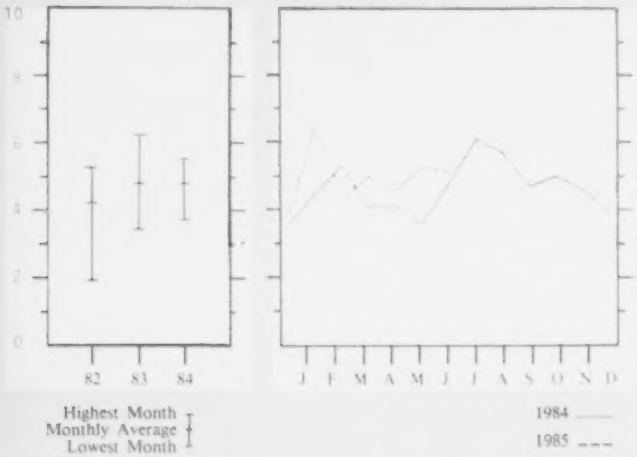
ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	463.5	429.5	457.0	107.3	105.1	103.9	36.6	36.3	37.1
Total Manufacturing	107.7	104.6	113.6	16.7	16.4	16.4	11.2	10.7	11.9
Durable Goods	44.4	42.5	45.0	9.7	9.5	9.4	5.6	5.4	5.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.4	11.7	14.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.9	3.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.3
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.0	4.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.8	9.7	9.7	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Transportation Equipment	9.5	9.5	9.6	[d]	[d]	[d]	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.7	3.7	3.6	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	63.3	62.1	68.6	7.0	6.9	7.0	5.6	5.3	6.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	8.0	7.6	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.5
Textile Mill Products	6.8	6.8	7.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.4	1.6
Apparel	4.3	4.3	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.2	17.9	18.8	[d]	[d]	[d]	0.8	0.7	0.9
Printing and Publishing	4.6	4.7	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.4	4.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	1.9	2.0
Leather and Leather Products	15.2	16.0	18.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.9	2.9	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.5	13.3	16.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.1	3.0
Other Leather Products	2.7	2.7	2.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8	0.8	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	355.8	344.9	344.7	90.4	88.7	87.1	25.4	25.6	25.2
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	*
Contract Construction	23.3	21.6	22.1	6.1	5.9	5.5	1.6	1.5	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.0	19.6	19.9	5.8	5.9	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.6	20.4	20.5	8.0	7.9	7.8	2.1	2.0	2.0
Retail Trade	90.0	84.3	85.5	22.3	21.8	22.0	6.1	6.4	6.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	28.8	30.5	29.8	9.4	9.7	9.6	1.0	1.8	1.6
Services	96.3	93.3	92.5	25.9	24.1	22.9	9.9	9.9	9.5
Government	84.4	85.0	83.9	13.9	14.2	13.4	3.5	3.6	3.5
Federal	18.5	18.3	18.5	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
State and Local 5/	65.9	66.7	65.3	12.2	12.5	11.8	3.2	3.3	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

New Applications For Work

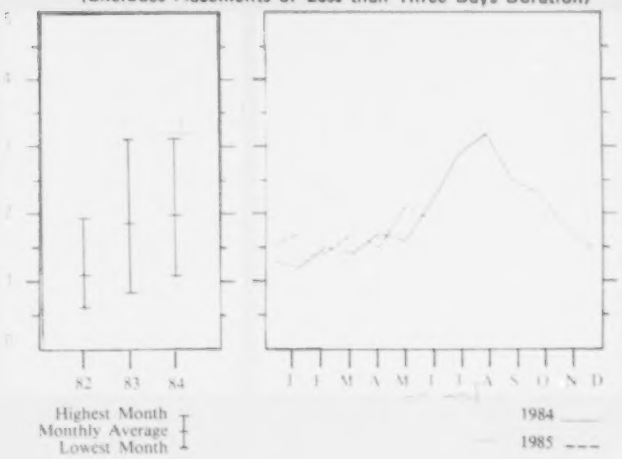
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$334.06	$332.43	$316.79	40.4	40.1	40.1	$ 8.31	$ 8.29	$ 7.90	$ 8.05	$ 7.61	$ 7.22
Durable Goods	337.31	334.00	321.20	40.5	40.0	40.0	8.37	8.36	8.03	8.22	7.84	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	312.87	308.59	290.07	40.9	41.2	39.9	7.67	7.49	7.27	7.51	7.31	6.97
Primary and Fabricated Metals	322.50	343.62	324.41	39.1	41.3	41.0	8.25	8.32	7.91	7.99	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	375.90	361.53	347.27	42.0	40.4	40.1	8.95	8.95	8.66	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	301.32	289.45	299.30	39.7	38.8	39.6	7.59	7.46	7.52	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	363.27	379.06	362.96	39.8	39.2	39.9	9.63	9.67	9.12	9.51	9.21	8.94
Nondurable Goods	330.45	331.25	314.36	40.2	40.2	40.2	8.27	8.24	7.82	7.96	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	249.08	248.32	252.67	36.9	37.0	37.6	6.76	6.71	6.72	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	274.96	277.56	260.32	41.6	41.9	42.0	6.61	6.64	6.96	6.73	6.87	5.49
Apparel	201.58	204.05	192.31	38.4	38.0	38.5	5.86	5.93	5.42	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	532.80	539.02	516.35	44.4	44.4	44.9	12.00	12.14	11.50	11.62	10.96	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	224.96	222.59	216.75	38.0	37.6	37.5	5.92	5.92	5.78	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	296.80	294.62	276.63	40.0	39.6	39.9	7.42	7.44	6.95	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	346.82	346.54	331.09	39.1	39.2	39.5	8.87	8.81	8.09	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	267.47	267.42	248.32	40.3	39.5	39.9	6.67	6.77	6.40	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	251.7	243.1	242.9
Unemployed	15.3	14.2	16.0
(Percent)	6.1	5.8	6.6
Resident Employed	236.4	228.9	226.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	322.3	321.3	310.7	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3
Percent Change from Last December	+2.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.7

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	578.3	561.8	565.8	549.7	531.6	535.1	28.6	30.2	30.7	4.9	5.4	5.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,000	48,800	45,600	46,100	46,800	43,600	1,900	2,000	2,000	4.0	4.1	4.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	43,000	42,800	42,700	40,400	40,200	40,100	2,600	2,600	2,600	6.0	6.1	6.1
Portland MSA	109,700	107,800	105,200	106,600	104,700	101,400	3,100	3,100	3,800	2.8	2.9	3.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	109,770	105,520	108,030	104,990	100,590	101,140	4,780	4,930	6,890	4.4	4.7	6.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,960	31,860	31,900	30,520	30,420	30,160	1,440	1,440	1,740	4.5	4.5	5.5
Bath-Brunswick	26,260	26,150	27,030	25,260	25,180	25,870	1,000	970	1,160	3.8	3.7	4.3
Belfast	11,380	10,930	11,460	10,360	9,820	10,420	1,020	1,110	1,040	9.0	10.2	9.1
Biddeford	26,690	25,530	25,080	25,610	24,420	23,930	1,080	1,110	1,150	4.0	4.3	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,520	9,150	10,580	10,100	8,720	10,040	420	430	540	4.0	4.7	5.1
Calais-Eastport	16,090	15,530	16,030	14,880	14,210	14,650	1,210	1,320	1,380	7.5	8.5	8.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,780	21,890	22,460	21,040	20,240	20,260	1,740	1,650	2,200	7.6	7.5	9.8
Central Penobscot	4,630	4,350	4,310	4,380	4,100	4,130	250	250	180	5.4	5.7	4.2
Dover-Foxcroft	6,810	6,780	6,740	6,480	6,420	6,360	330	360	380	4.8	5.3	5.6
Ellsworth	25,050	22,700	24,620	23,950	21,430	23,290	1,100	1,270	1,330	4.4	5.6	5.4
Farmington	12,640	12,610	13,160	11,530	11,340	12,180	1,110	1,270	980	8.8	10.1	7.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	7,000	5,490	6,540	6,220	4,690	5,920	780	800	620	11.1	14.6	9.5
Greenville	1,700	1,420	1,650	1,590	1,260	1,570	110	160	80	6.5	11.3	4.8
Houlton	6,220	5,710	5,820	5,810	5,270	5,440	410	440	380	6.6	7.7	6.5
Kittery-York 3/	25,090	24,140	23,650	24,790	23,770	23,120	300	370	530	1.2	1.5	2.2
Lincoln-Howland	6,510	6,340	6,230	6,140	5,930	5,910	370	410	320	5.7	6.5	5.1
Livermore Falls	3,690	3,420	3,830	3,340	3,060	3,500	350	360	330	9.5	10.5	8.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,860	4,330	4,860	4,500	3,980	4,430	360	350	430	7.4	8.1	8.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,850	5,730	5,640	5,580	5,470	5,430	270	260	210	4.6	4.5	3.7
Norway-Paris	9,610	9,290	9,630	8,960	8,630	8,940	650	660	690	6.8	7.1	7.2
Patten-Island Falls	3,100	2,700	2,760	2,910	2,440	2,600	190	260	160	6.1	9.6	5.8
Rockland	19,530	18,970	19,670	18,630	17,880	18,560	900	1,090	1,110	4.6	5.7	5.6
Rumford	10,120	9,990	9,930	9,420	9,170	9,130	700	820	800	6.9	8.2	8.1
Sanford	13,780	13,540	13,580	12,730	12,420	12,850	1,050	1,120	730	7.6	8.3	5.4
Sebago Lakes Region	10,640	10,010	10,180	10,230	9,600	9,780	410	410	400	3.9	4.1	3.9
Skowhegan	23,520	22,660	23,450	21,850	20,770	21,850	1,670	1,890	1,600	7.1	8.3	6.8
Southwest Penobscot	8,970	8,750	8,710	8,220	8,020	8,030	750	730	680	8.4	8.3	7.8
Waterville	22,760	22,660	22,980	21,650	21,400	21,750	1,110	1,260	1,230	4.9	5.6	5.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,703.1	1,682.2	n/a	1,621.9	1,610.4	n/a	81.2	71.8	n/a	4.8	4.3
Massachusetts	3,139.0	3,072.0	3,083.8	3,016.0	2,967.0	2,945.9	123.0	105.0	137.9	3.9	3.4	4.5
New Hampshire	543.2	526.3	529.5	519.1	502.7	508.9	24.1	23.6	20.6	4.4	4.5	3.9
Rhode Island	503.4	493.9	491.1	477.0	469.4	459.8	26.4	24.5	31.3	5.2	5.0	6.4
Vermont	272.2	271.2	268.7	258.9	258.4	253.4	13.3	12.8	15.3	4.9	4.7	5.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,066.5	6,055.3	n/a	5,819.4	5,778.4	n/a	247.1	276.9	n/a	4.1	4.6
UNITED STATES 4/	116,572	114,890	115,393	107,819	106,880	106,812	8,753	8,011	8,582	7.5	7.0	7.4

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	9,148	10,869	8,788	922	1,041	1,027	907	972	817
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.6	2.8	2.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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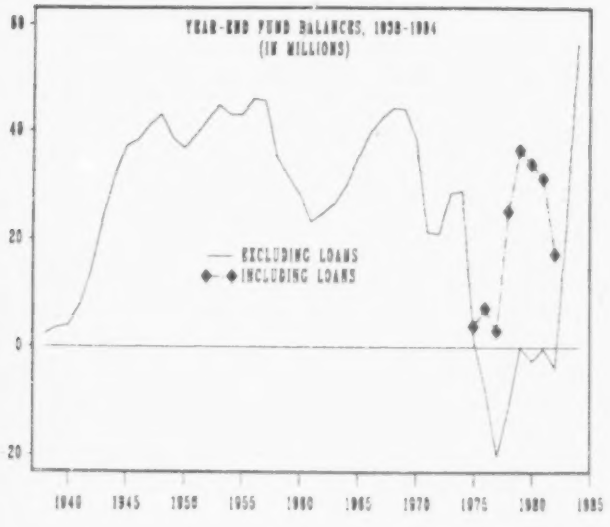

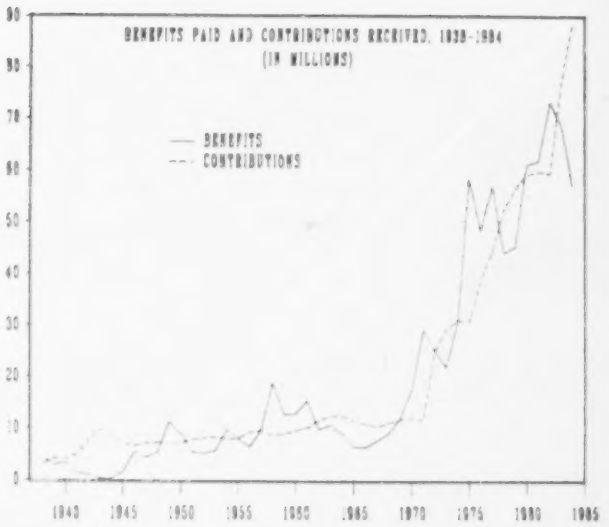

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RATE OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT ABOVE AVERAGE IN MAINE

DURING 1984, ABOUT 7.1 PERCENT OR 439,000 OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED, ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS IN BOSTON. REGIONAL RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT WERE LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE RATES FOR BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS. NATIONALLY, 8.9 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1984. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

WORKERS WERE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE SELF-EMPLOYED IN THE THREE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES THAN IN THE THREE SOUTHERN STATES. IN 1984, TWO NEW ENGLAND STATES, MAINE AND VERMONT, HAD WELL-ABOVE-AVERAGE NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES. IN MAINE, WHICH HAD THE HIGHEST RATE IN THE REGION, 11.2 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WERE CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED. IN VERMONT, 10.6 PERCENT OF THOSE EMPLOYED DURING 1984 WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 9.0 PERCENT RATE WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE 8.9 PERCENT NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYED IN MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED--6.3, 6.3 AND 5.8 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY--WAS WELL BELOW THE U.S. AVERAGE.

AS EXPECTED, A MUCH LARGER PERCENTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS THAN NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE SELF-EMPLOYED. NATIONALLY, ABOUT 47 PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WERE SELF-EMPLOYED, WHILE REGIONALLY THE PERCENTAGE WAS MUCH LOWER WITH ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFIED AS SELF-EMPLOYED DURING 1984. HOWEVER, ONLY 3.2 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE U.S., AND 1.0 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND, IS IN AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THE SELF-EMPLOYMENT RATES FOR NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE MUCH LOWER--7.7 PERCENT NATIONALLY AND 6.7 PERCENT IN THE REGION DURING 1984. MAINE, WITH 10.6 PERCENT OF NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS SELF-EMPLOYED LAST YEAR, LED THE REGION IN THIS CATEGORY. VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE ALSO HAD ABOVE-AVERAGE PERCENTAGES OF WORKERS IN BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES AT 9.4 AND 8.5 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. EVEN AMONG NONAGRICULTURAL WORKERS, THE THREE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND STATES OF MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, AND RHODE ISLAND RECORDED SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATES OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT THAN THE THREE NORTHERN STATES AND THE NATION.

ALTHOUGH DETAILED HISTORICAL DATA ON THE SELF-EMPLOYED FOR THE NEW ENGLAND STATES IS NOT AVAILABLE, NATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT A STEADY UPWARD TREND IN THE NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS BEGAN AROUND 1970. BETWEEN 1976 AND 1984, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SELF-EMPLOYED AMERICANS INCREASED BY NEARLY 25 PERCENT. ALL OF THIS INCREASE TOOK PLACE IN NONAGRICULTURAL SELF-EMPLOYMENT. DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD, TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN THE NATION INCREASED BY LESS THAN 19 PERCENT.

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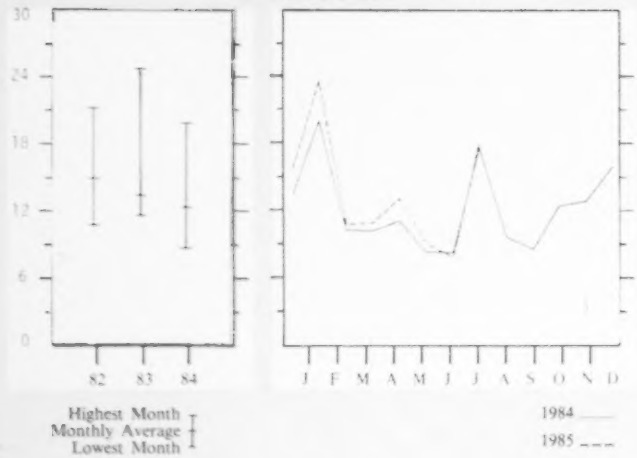

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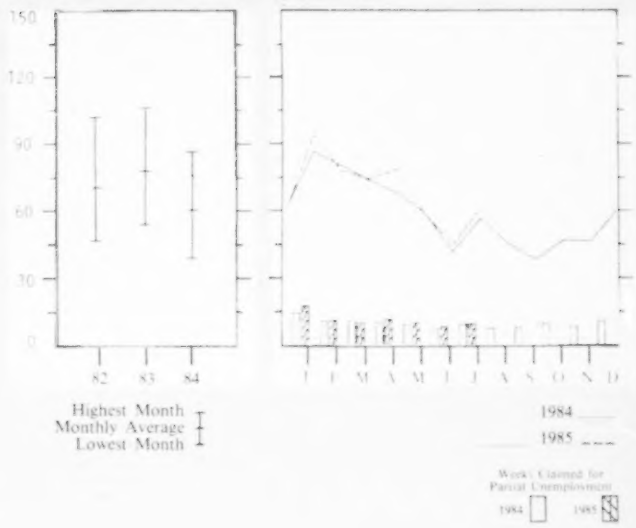


PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYED WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED,
NEW ENGLAND STATES AND UNITED STATES--1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

STATE	TOTAL EMPLOYED (IN THOUSANDS)	PERCENT SELF-EMPLOYED
CONNECTICUT	1,595	6.3%
MAINE	518	11.2
MASSACHUSETTS	2,905	6.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE	498	9.0
RHODE ISLAND	463	5.8
VERMONT	255	10.6
NEW ENGLAND	6,237	7.1
UNITED STATES	105,005	8.9

PERCENT OF TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYED WHO WERE SELF-EMPLOYED,
NEW ENGLAND STATES AND UNITED STATES--1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

STATE	TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT SELF-EMPLOYED
CONNECTICUT	1,581	6.1%
MAINE	509	10.6
MASSACHUSETTS	2,879	6.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	492	8.5
RHODE ISLAND	460	5.7
VERMONT	245	9.4
NEW ENGLAND	6,167	6.7
UNITED STATES	101,685	7.7

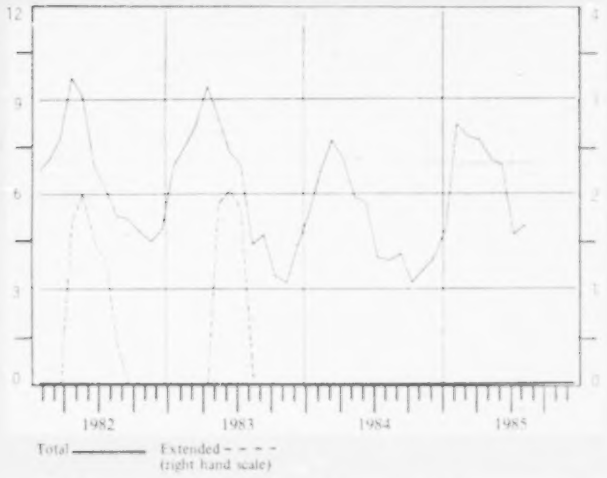
SOURCE: AN AUGUST 9, 1985 NEWS RELEASE ENTITLED "7.1 PERCENT OF NEW ENGLANDERS SELF-EMPLOYED IN 1984, COMPARED TO 8.9 PERCENT NATIONWIDE" PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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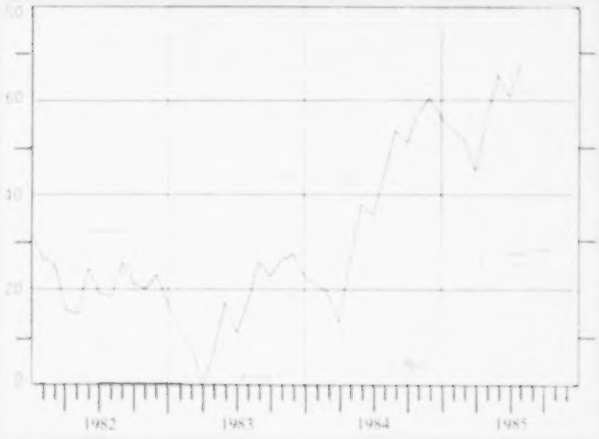

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	462.6	461.5	459.1	106.9	107.1	105.9	36.1	35.7	34.8
Total Manufacturing	59.0	107.2	107.4	15.0	16.2	14.9	9.8	11.6	10.2
Durable Goods	79.3	84.5	84.5	9.3	9.3	9.2	2.6	1.6	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.7	13.8	14.0	2.5	2.6	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.9	3.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.1	3.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.2	9.0	9.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	6.9	6.5	6.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	1.8	2.7	2.5	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	59.6	63.0	62.9	5.7	6.9	5.4	1.7	1.6	1.4
Food and Kindred Products	9.2	9.2	9.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Textile Mill Products	9.3	9.5	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.1
Apparel	4.7	4.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Paper and Allied Products	16.3	16.2	16.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Printing and Publishing	4.7	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.1	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Leather and Leather Products	14.2	15.2	15.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.0	12.5	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Other Leather Products	1.2	2.7	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.4	1.1	4.9	5.4	4.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	363.6	358.3	351.7	91.9	90.9	91.0	26.3	25.5	24.7
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	*
Contract Construction	24.2	23.3	22.5	6.2	6.1	5.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.0	20.0	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.4	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.9	20.8	21.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Retail Trade	91.5	90.0	90.5	23.0	22.1	22.6	6.7	6.6	6.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.0	20.9	20.0	9.4	9.2	8.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Services	103.2	96.1	96.0	29.6	28.1	27.7	9.2	8.3	8.1
Government	80.4	84.4	78.6	13.1	13.9	12.4	3.1	3.6	3.2
Federal	19.7	18.5	18.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	61.7	65.9	60.6	11.4	12.0	10.5	3.0	3.3	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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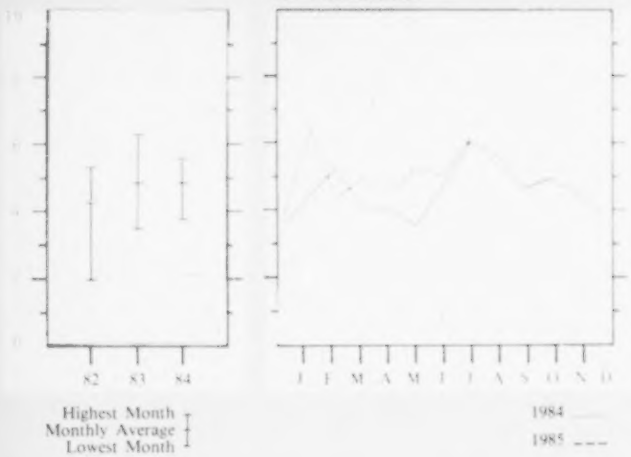

Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

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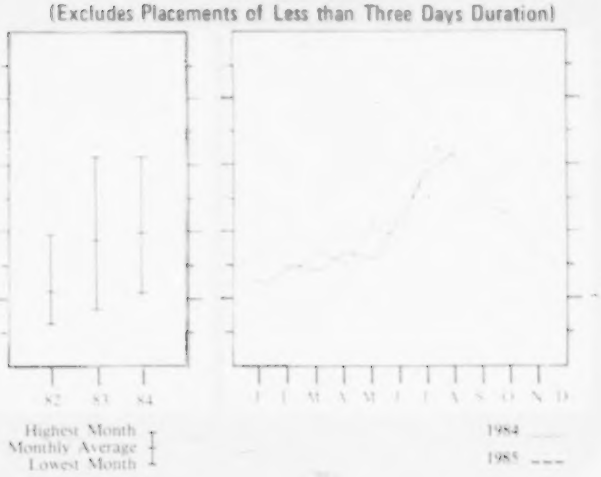

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.65	$337.08	$323.89	40.1	40.7	39.5	$8.22	$8.28	$8.20	$8.09	$7.91	$7.68
Durable Goods	346.24	357.75	339.97	40.8	41.3	39.9	8.49	8.66	8.52	8.42	8.24	7.99
Lumber and Wood Products	306.19	311.07	316.23	40.9	39.9	39.5	7.49	7.80	8.01	7.85	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	376.31	382.13	381.78	40.4	39.1	40.7	9.31	9.78	9.38	9.04	8.78	8.62
Machinery, except Electrical	360.22	375.80	337.79	40.2	42.0	42.3	8.96	8.95	7.98	8.86	8.60	8.34
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	287.51	307.38	293.76	39.4	39.7	41.3	7.30	7.74	7.11	7.58	7.21	6.92
Other Durable Goods	290.33	290.27	300.12	42.3	39.3	40.2	6.86	7.39	7.47	7.37	7.31	6.84
Nondurable Goods	317.69	317.75	314.58	40.2	40.2	39.8	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.80	7.63	7.43
Food and Kindred Products	246.05	249.00	232.36	39.1	39.9	38.8	6.29	6.24	5.99	6.26	6.27	6.04
Textile Mill Products	288.11	278.36	281.79	39.8	41.4	40.7	7.24	6.72	6.93	6.74	6.67	6.49
Apparel	227.68	207.19	196.83	40.5	38.4	36.9	5.62	5.40	5.34	5.64	5.58	5.43
Paper and Allied Products	530.68	540.00	511.24	44.2	44.3	44.2	12.01	12.20	11.57	11.72	11.35	10.90
Leather and Leather Products	228.73	224.30	216.84	37.5	36.0	35.4	6.01	6.23	6.13	6.08	5.89	5.56
Other Nondurable Goods	294.28	296.08	279.66	39.1	38.0	38.5	7.56	7.82	7.26	7.51	7.60	7.13
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	351.44	366.80	335.70	39.2	39.1	38.8	8.71	8.97	8.60	8.56	8.37	7.93
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	275.24	283.47	262.79	39.8	40.3	39.2	6.81	6.87	6.64	6.58	6.36	6.08

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	Dec. Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	651.2	651.1	646.3
Unemployed	17.9	18.1	22.3
(Percent)	2.7	2.7	3.4
Resident Employed	633.3	633.0	624.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	Dec. Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Low Dec.
1967=100 All Items	327.8	327.1	311.7	115.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.4

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	661.[illegible]	671.[illegible]	666.[illegible]	643.[illegible]	648.[illegible]	637.[illegible]	17.[illegible]	23.[illegible]	29.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	4.[illegible]
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	40.[illegible]	40.[illegible]	41.[illegible]	38.[illegible]	38.[illegible]	38.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	61.[illegible]	61.[illegible]	61.[illegible]	58.[illegible]	58.[illegible]	57.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	3.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	6.[illegible]
Portland MSA	200.[illegible]	199.[illegible]	198.[illegible]	189.[illegible]	188.[illegible]	186.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]	12.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	6.[illegible]
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	113.[illegible]	113.[illegible]	112.[illegible]	107.[illegible]	106.[illegible]	105.[illegible]	6.[illegible]	6.[illegible]	6.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31.[illegible]	31.[illegible]	31.[illegible]	29.[illegible]	29.[illegible]	29.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	2.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	5.[illegible]	7.[illegible]
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MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,204	9,148	15,186	1,387	922	1,727	1,921	907	2,595
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.9	2.3	3.9	1.5	1.0	1.9	3.5	2.6	7.5

* Should not be confused with monthly insured unemployment rate as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	7.9	8.6	10.9
Clerical and Sales	17.6	16.0	20.3
Service	10.0	9.6	11.9
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.9	3.5	1.9
Processing	4.6	5.6	4.9
Machine Trades	14.2	13.0	13.2
Benchwork	16.9	16.8	10.2
Structural Work	10.2	11.9	12.9
Miscellaneous	12.7	14.0	13.8

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.6	59.2	56.2
Under 22	7.0	6.3	6.2
22-24	9.6	9.8	10.3
25-34	29.3	30.8	29.3
35-39	11.6	12.3	10.4
Total 40 and Over	42.4	40.8	43.8
40-44	9.6	9.3	7.9
45-54	12.1	12.4	14.0
55-64	10.1	10.2	13.2
65 and Over	10.6	9.2	10.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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FEMALE PARTICIPATION IN THE LABOR FORCE CONTINUES TO INCREASE

THE STEADY INFLUX OF WOMEN INTO THE NEW ENGLAND LABOR FORCE CONTINUED DURING 1984 ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS IN BOSTON. BETWEEN 1974 AND 1984, THE REGIONAL FEMALE LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE, THAT IS, THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL WOMEN 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO WERE EITHER EMPLOYED OR ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK, INCREASED NEARLY 10 PERCENTAGE POINTS FROM 48 PERCENT TO 57.6 PERCENT. IN CONTRAST, THE MALE PARTICIPATION RATE WAS 78.4 PERCENT DURING 1984 AND REMAINED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED OVER THIS PERIOD. IN ADDITION, THE FEMALE LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE OF WOMEN IN NEW ENGLAND WAS FOUR PERCENTAGE POINTS HIGHER THAN THE NATION. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND REGIONS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

DURING 1984, WOMEN ACCOUNTED FOR 44.8 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE REGION OR 2,792,000 WORKERS. THIRTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE 2.8 MILLION EMPLOYED WOMEN HELD PART-TIME JOBS (LESS THAN 35 HOURS PER WEEK) COMPARED TO ABOUT 11 PERCENT OF THE REGION'S 3.4 MILLION EMPLOYED MEN. SOME 723,000 OF THE 864,000 WOMEN WORKING PART-TIME VOLUNTARILY CHOSE TO DO SO, WHILE THE REMAINING 141,000 WOULD ACCEPT A FULL-TIME WORK SCHEDULE. AMONG MEN WORKING PART-TIME, 266,000 WERE VOLUNTARY PART-TIMERS AND 105,000 WOULD ACCEPT FULL-TIME WORK. IN TOTAL, WOMEN MADE UP 70 PERCENT OF THE REGION'S PART-TIME WORK FORCE IN 1984.

DESPITE THE INROADS THAT WOMEN HAVE MADE INTO MANY OCCUPATIONS IN RECENT YEARS, THEY CONTINUE TO REPRESENT A VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF WORKERS IN JOBS TRADITIONALLY CONSIDERED "FEMALE OCCUPATIONS." FULLY 99 PERCENT OF SECRETARIES AND TYPISTS, AND ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF ALL KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS CONTINUE TO BE WOMEN. DURING 1984, MORE THAN 45 PERCENT OF NEW ENGLAND WORKING WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED IN CLERICAL OR SERVICE OCCUPATIONS VERSUS ONLY ABOUT 16 PERCENT OF WORKING MEN.

NEVERTHELESS, NATIONAL DATA ON OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY SEX INDICATE THAT WOMEN HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THEIR NUMBERS IN MANY "NONTRADITIONAL" JOB CATEGORIES. THE PROPORTION OF ALL EMPLOYED WOMEN WHO ARE CLASSIFIED IN THE BROAD "EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MANAGERIAL" CATEGORY HAS NEARLY DOUBLED BETWEEN 1972 AND 1984, FROM 4.6 PERCENT TO 8.5 PERCENT. OTHER SMALLER GAINS WERE NOTED IN PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTIES, TECHNICIAN AND RELATED SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, AND PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR JOBS.

ALTHOUGH WOMEN ARE ON THE PAYROLLS OF EVERY MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP, THEY ARE ESPECIALLY CONCENTRATED IN THE SERVICE-PRODUCING SECTOR OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMY. ALMOST 75 PERCENT OF WOMEN WORKERS IN THE REGION'S PRIVATE SECTOR WERE EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE SECTOR, MAINLY IN RETAIL TRADE AND HEALTH, BUSINESS AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. INDEED, THESE ARE THE VERY INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE SHOWN CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT GROWTH OVER THE PAST DECADE AND IS A MAJOR REASON FOR THE INCREASES IN FEMALE LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND EMPLOYMENT RATIOS.

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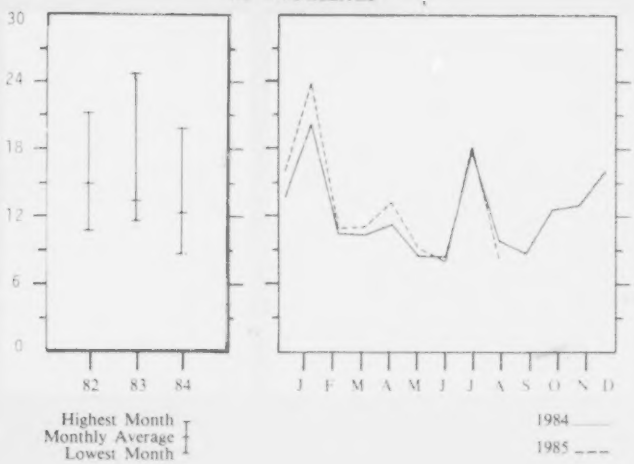
in Thousands



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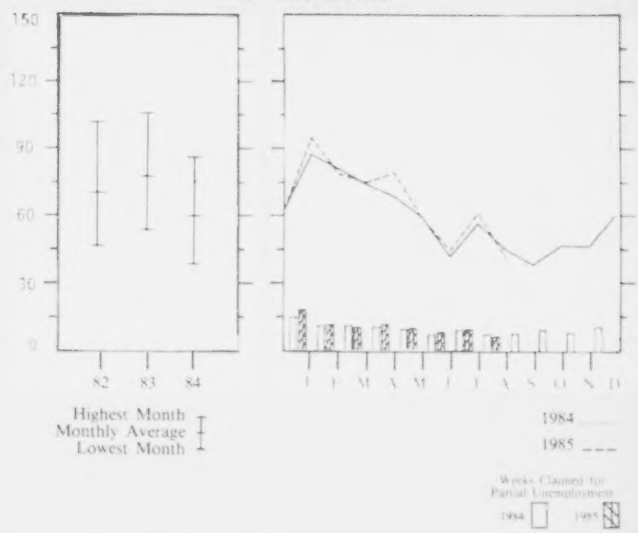

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FULL- AND PART-TIME STATUS OF NEW ENGLAND EMPLOYMENT
BY SEX, 1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	FEMALE	% OF TOTAL	MALE	% OF TOTAL
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	2,792	100.0	3,445	100.0
FULL-TIME SCHEDULES	1,928	69.1	3,074	89.2
PART-TIME FOR ECON. REASONS	141	5.1	105	3.1
VOLUNTARY PART-TIME	725	25.9	266	7.7

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES OF NEW ENGLAND EMPLOYMENT
BY AGE, SEX AND MARITAL STATUS, 1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

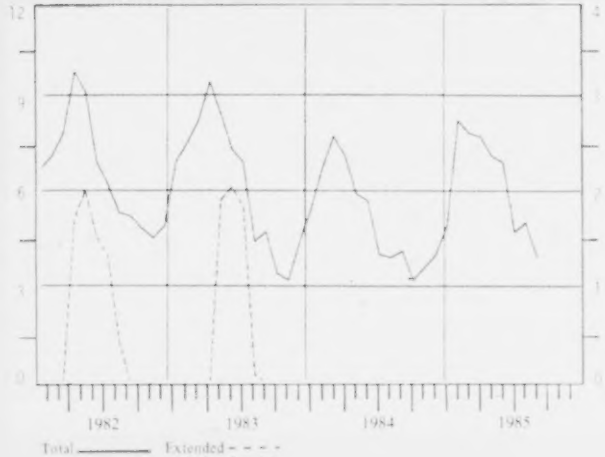
	WOMEN	MEN
TOTAL	57.6%	78.4%
16-19 YEARS	61.5	61.7
20-24 YEARS	75.9	84.8
25-34 YEARS	73.8	95.6
35-44 YEARS	72.6	96.0
45-54 YEARS	69.9	93.0
55-64 YEARS	51.3	76.5
65 AND OVER	7.4	16.0
SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)	71.1	76.6
MARRIED, SPOUSE PRESENT	56.9	81.2
OTHER MARITAL STATUS	44.6	66.4

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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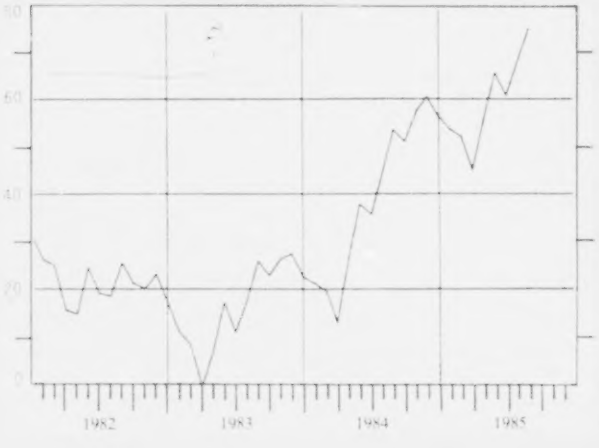

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	469.9	462.6	466.7	198.7	196.1	194.2	36.9	36.8	36.4
Total Manufacturing	105.1	99.9	114.4	35.6	33.6	36.5	10.8	9.9	11.7
Durable Goods	40.7	39.8	45.9	11.8	11.5	12.6	3.4	3.0	3.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	15.1	13.7	14.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	6.6	6.7	7.3	3.0	3.0	3.1	0.8	0.8	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	4.9	4.8	5.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.5
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.6	9.5	9.5	2.0	2.2	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
Transportation Equipment	4.3	4.4	6.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	*	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	64.3	60.0	68.5	23.8	22.1	23.9	7.4	6.9	8.3
Food and Kindred Products	9.1	9.0	9.5	1.4	1.4	1.9	0.6	0.6	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.1	7.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.4	1.3	1.5
Apparel	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
Paper and Allied Products	15.0	15.0	15.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	3.2	3.2	3.2
Printing and Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.6	1.1	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	15.6	12.4	13.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.3	0.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.9	11.0	11.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.5
Other Leather Products	1.7	1.4	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	d	d	d
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	364.8	362.7	352.3	163.1	162.5	157.7	26.1	26.9	24.7
Mining	0.6	0.6	0.6	*	*	*	*	0.0	*
Contract Construction	23.3	22.6	22.0	6.9	6.6	6.4	1.6	1.7	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.3	20.8	20.3	8.9	8.9	8.9	1.3	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	21.3	20.9	21.1	9.1	9.0	9.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	74.2	73.5	73.2	32.0	32.0	32.2	6.7	6.7	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	27.1	27.0	26.1	9.4	9.4	9.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
Services	104.0	103.3	99.3	35.6	35.6	34.7	9.1	9.2	8.5
Government	73.0	80.3	77.6	12.9	13.1	12.3	3.2	3.3	3.1
Federal	13.6	16.7	16.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	60.4	63.7	61.3	11.2	11.4	10.7	2.9	3.0	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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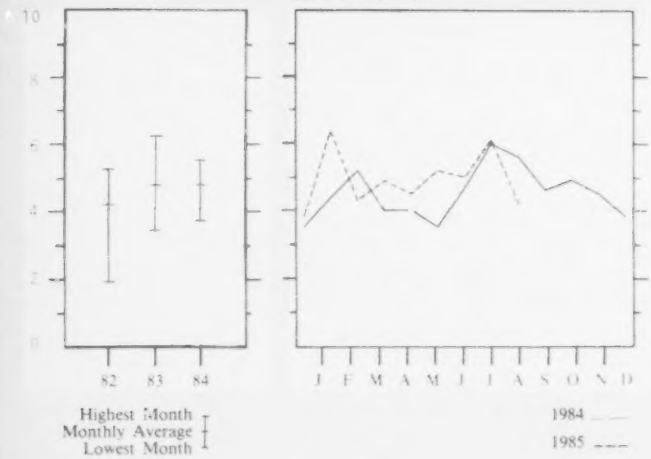

Nonfarm Placements

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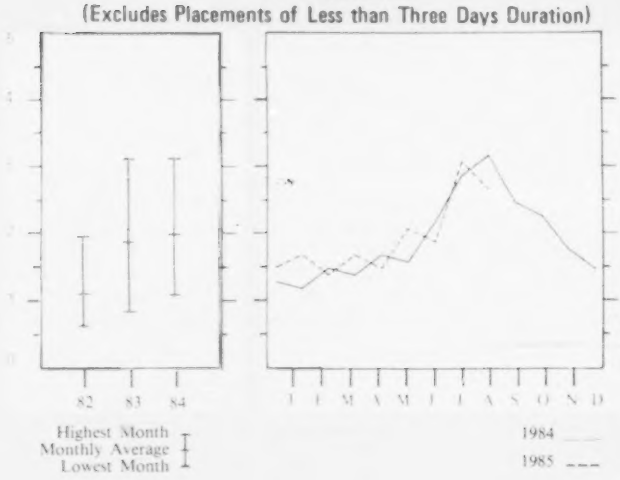
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month*	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month*	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month*	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.96	$328.61	$321.99	40.3	40.1	39.4	$8.19	$8.20	$8.17	$8.26	$7.61	$7.21
Durable Goods	331.70	324.60	333.63	40.6	40.0	40.3	8.17	8.04	8.28	8.22	7.93	7.55
Lumber and Wood Products	343.99	336.19	319.00	41.0	40.3	41.0	8.39	8.34	7.78	8.03	7.58	6.97
Primary and Fabricated Metals	350.27	326.01	317.15	40.4	40.4	40.2	8.67	8.07	7.89	7.91	7.71	7.19
Machinery, except Electrical	364.83	366.72	350.30	40.9	40.7	40.9	8.92	9.01	8.56	8.73	8.28	7.72
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	288.00	290.73	299.60	36.4	37.4	39.1	7.91	7.78	7.66	7.81	7.38	6.74
Other Durable Goods	316.23	329.84	331.90	40.5	40.7	40.2	7.81	8.02	8.09	8.03	8.05	8.14
Nondurable Goods	326.00	327.69	314.03	40.0	40.2	38.7	8.15	8.46	8.11	8.36	7.90	7.68
Food and Kindred Products	249.70	246.65	240.12	34.3	35.1	34.1	6.30	6.32	6.31	6.34	6.16	5.98
Textile Mill Products	275.93	266.31	266.26	41.0	39.6	41.6	6.73	6.72	6.40	6.73	6.31	5.89
Apparel	204.06	202.73	195.09	35.0	34.5	34.2	5.83	5.87	5.70	5.86	5.58	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	535.23	532.34	525.85	44.3	44.0	44.3	12.08	12.11	11.87	11.83	10.86	10.18
Leather and Leather Products	215.76	226.18	204.79	37.2	37.5	36.0	5.80	6.03	5.69	5.86	5.34	5.15
Other Nondurable Goods	264.06	264.01	274.09	36.7	36.7	37.7	7.21	7.20	7.27	7.33	6.98	6.87
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	345.04	339.30	309.65	38.9	38.2	38.4	8.87	8.88	8.06	8.66	7.87	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	268.51	277.04	246.19	39.9	40.3	38.2	6.73	6.87	6.45	6.80	6.19	5.90

*Amended

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	250.3	258.2	249.8
Unemployed	12.7	17.9	15.7
(Percent)	5.2	7.1	6.3
Resident Employed	237.6	235.3	233.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	323.5	322.2	311.0	315.5
Percent Change for Past Month				+0.4
Percent Change from Last December				+2.5
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+4.0

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	577.7	581.8	577.8	554.5	549.4	549.1	23.2	32.4	28.7	4.0	5.6	5.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,400	48,200	45,900	45,900	46,100	44,100	1,500	2,100	1,800	3.2	4.4	3.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	42,200	43,000	42,300	40,000	39,400	39,400	2,200	3,600	2,900	5.2	8.4	6.9
Portland MSA	107,600	109,600	106,000	105,000	105,800	102,500	2,600	3,800	3,500	2.4	3.5	3.3
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	110,760	114,180	108,150	106,930	107,350	102,670	3,830	6,830	5,480	3.5	6.0	5.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,280	31,850	31,660	30,120	30,130	30,040	1,160	1,720	1,620	3.7	5.4	5.1
Bath-Brunswick	25,280	26,120	26,930	24,350	24,870	25,910	930	1,250	1,020	3.7	4.8	3.8
Belfast	11,170	11,650	11,720	10,270	10,370	10,700	900	1,280	1,020	8.1	11.0	8.7
Biddeford	26,350	26,810	25,470	25,440	25,090	24,290	910	1,720	1,180	3.5	6.4	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	11,120	11,050	10,880	10,770	10,640	10,450	350	410	430	3.1	3.7	4.0
Calais-Eastport	14,620	16,220	22,130	13,810	15,160	21,070	810	1,060	1,060	4.1	6.5	4.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,320	23,090	21,840	20,860	21,350	19,350	1,460	1,740	2,340	6.5	7.5	10.8
Central Penobscot	4,590	4,710	4,460	4,410	4,460	4,280	180	250	180	3.9	5.3	4.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,650	6,800	6,660	6,340	6,350	6,290	310	450	370	4.7	6.6	5.6
Ellsworth	28,770	26,680	27,770	28,010	25,850	26,860	760	1,030	910	2.6	3.9	3.3
Farmington	12,560	12,790	13,280	11,700	11,730	12,280	860	1,060	1,000	6.8	8.3	7.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,270	6,630	6,190	5,920	6,120	5,800	350	510	390	5.6	7.7	6.3
Greenville	1,660	1,680	1,760	1,590	1,590	1,640	70	90	120	4.2	5.4	6.8
Houlton	5,950	6,230	5,440	5,580	5,780	5,030	370	450	410	6.2	7.2	7.5
Kittery-York 3/	24,810	25,250	23,720	24,540	24,840	23,280	270	410	440	1.1	1.6	1.9
Lincoln-Howland	6,370	6,560	6,250	6,100	6,150	5,980	270	410	270	4.2	6.3	4.3
Livermore Falls	3,590	3,600	3,820	3,310	3,240	3,450	280	360	370	7.8	10.0	9.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,490	4,590	4,390	4,250	4,310	4,080	240	280	310	5.3	6.1	7.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,650	5,770	5,590	5,490	5,570	5,410	160	200	180	2.8	3.5	3.2
Norway-Paris	9,610	9,670	9,910	9,080	8,960	9,240	530	710	670	5.5	7.3	6.8
Patten-Island Falls	3,070	3,170	2,690	2,940	3,020	2,570	130	150	120	4.2	4.7	4.5
Rockland	19,900	19,680	20,980	19,170	18,800	20,140	730	880	840	3.7	4.5	4.0
Rumford	9,920	10,210	9,930	9,370	9,510	9,100	550	700	830	5.5	6.9	8.4
Sanford	13,560	13,610	13,700	12,690	12,460	12,970	870	1,150	730	6.4	8.4	5.3
Sebago Lakes Region	12,360	12,180	11,670	12,030	11,720	11,240	330	460	430	2.7	3.8	3.7
Skowhegan	22,670	22,740	24,000	21,260	20,650	22,420	1,410	2,090	1,580	6.2	9.2	6.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,490	9,070	8,460	7,860	8,040	7,820	630	1,030	640	7.4	11.4	7.6
Waterville	22,360	22,760	22,460	21,390	21,580	21,330	970	1,180	1,130	4.3	5.2	5.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,733.3	1,672.1	n/a	1,634.4	1,601.2	n/a	98.4	70.9	n/a	5.7	4.2
Massachusetts	3,119.0	3,127.0	3,097.6	3,004.0	2,993.0	2,950.6	115.0	134.0	146.9	3.7	4.3	4.7
New Hampshire	550.6	551.9	532.1	532.0	523.8	512.4	18.6	28.1	19.7	3.4	5.1	3.7
Rhode Island	508.2	504.0	494.0	487.1	475.6	469.1	21.1	28.4	24.9	4.2	5.6	5.0
Vermont	275.2	274.5	274.1	262.7	261.2	263.0	12.5	13.4	11.2	4.5	4.9	4.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,190.8	6,069.9	n/a	5,888.5	5,796.3	n/a	302.3	273.6	n/a	4.9	4.5
UNITED STATES 4/	116,679	117,536	115,078	108,628	108,854	106,694	8,051	8,682	8,382	6.9	7.4	7.3

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Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household units; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures removed.

THESE DATA ARE COMPILED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	7,866	11,205	8,643	1,007	1,407	921	887	1,431	1,145
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	2.4	1.9	1.0	1.3	1.0	2.1	3.5	3.3

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF NEW ENGLAND EMPLOYMENT
BY SEX, 1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	WOMEN	MEN
TOTAL OCCUPATIONS	100.0%	100.0%
EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGERIAL	8.4	13.4
PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY	13.7	14.0
TECHNICIANS AND RELATED SUPPORT	3.8	3.0
SALES OCCUPATIONS	12.4	10.1
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, INCLUDING CLERICAL	28.3	5.4
SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	16.6	6.7
PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR	2.3	20.4
MACHINE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, AND INSPECTORS	9.4	9.1
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS	0.6	5.3
HANDLERS, EQUIPMENT CLEANERS, HELPERS, AND LABORERS	1.5	5.1
FARMING, FORESTRY, FISHING	0.8	2.9

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